



# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



## \$500,000 donation offered to library by anonymous donor

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

An approving vote by Crawford County citizens on next August's library millage proposal could mean a \$500,000 donation toward the new library building project.

A part-time South Branch Township resident, who wishes to remain anonymous for the time being, approached retired engineer Ed Parks more than a week ago with the proposed donation. Parks has been the principal designer of the proposed library build-

ing to be built next to the AuSable Primary School.

The Detroit-area donor has stipulated the half-million dollar donation would be committed to the project only if the voters approved the \$1-\$2 million millage. She would also like the new 10,000-square foot library to be dedicated to her parents who are long-time property owners in the county.

Parks brought the proposed donation idea to Library Board President Terry Wright and they shared the news with County Board

Chair Lynnette Corlew.

Although the Library Board has not met since the proposal was made, Wright said all members have been informed of the donation and are thrilled. Corlew has informed her board as well and a special meeting to discuss the legal aspects of the donation is planned for December 7 at 8 a.m. at the County Courthouse.

The new library project fund has about \$300,000 put away toward replacement of the 35-year old library. That, combined

with the donation, would bring project funding to near the halfway point, allowing the Library Board to ask for less funding from county taxpayers, Wright said.

Parks made a presentation to the County Board on behalf of the Library Board in August, expressing the need for a new building. Parks pointed out the current library's lack of space, its leaking basement and poor location. He also advised the County Board of the near tripling of county population since 1964.

Wright and his board agree the community has outgrown the current library building and the location near the Grayling elementary schools is safer for children than the current location on the I-75 Business Loop.

Library operating expenses amount to about \$125,000 annually. Those funds come mostly from \$78,000 to \$150,000 in penal fines collected by the county each

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## Renaissance passes by Grayling Twp.

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Grayling Township was passed up by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for a proposed Renaissance Zone subzone, that would have attracted manufacturers and businesses to the Industrial Park area of Four Mile Road with tax-free incentives.

Township Supervisor Terry Wright said he received the disappointing news from Rep. Ken Bradstreet's office Tuesday morning. "I was hoping this would be the final attraction to draw quality businesses and companies here to provide some good paying jobs for Crawford County," he said.

Wright said competition for the Renaissance Zone designation may have been very tough. "Some areas may have had more of a need than we have," he said. "Life goes on."

Grayling Township is still awaiting approval from the DNR for a program that would allow his board of trustees to sell land to companies that would have the same end result as with the subzone, except there is not a 15-year tax exemption incentive.

"We are feeling real positive about the DNR program," Wright said. "They have lead us to believe we have a good chance to be included. It would put us on a par with others for industrial development."

## Christmas Walk includes live nativity

*Hundreds enjoy opening of Grayling holiday season*



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

**SEASONAL RE-CREATION** — A live nativity drew many Christmas Walk participants down Michigan Avenue to the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. A small choir sang Christmas hymns, while the three wise men and shepherd visit the baby Jesus after being guided by a star and a very special angel. Much to the delight of the children, a real cow and sheep were part of the scene. During the singing of *Away in a Manger*, the sheep sang right along with the choir. For more 1999 Christmas Walk highlights, see Page 2B.

## Road Commission sets 3-year plan for county, local roads

### ► Old US-27 to be worked on next year, RC sets priorities for Task Force meeting

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Road Commission for Crawford County's Board approved a basic three-year plan for road maintenance at a special meeting last week, listing reconstruction of a section of Old US-27 as the top priority.

The three-year plan and a public hearing to establish the priorities are required parts of the process involved in securing state and federal funds at the Road Commission's annual Task Force meeting.

The Task Force meeting, which involves road commissions and transportation authorities from eight area counties, results in the distribution of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds and Transportation Economic Development Category D Funds (D-Funds).

(Not all local road projects are eligible for funding through D-Funds and STP funds, so road project priorities set last week are only in regard to those two sources of money, and are not necessarily the Road Commission's highest priorities for the county as a whole.)

At last year's Task Force meeting, Old 27 was accepted into the Task Force's three-year plan to be done in 2000. The board chose to keep Old 27 as its first choice for next year,

and expects the project to be funded.

"It's pretty much a done deal," said Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock. "We know we're doing that stretch."

The portion of Old 27 to be reconstructed runs from the intersection at M-93 near Grayling High School to just north of Hulbert Road in Frederic, about 5.5 miles.

Babcock reported that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has performed a grade inspection on the stretch of road, and "everything is pretty much set" to proceed.

The Old 27 project is expected to cost about \$950,000.

After agreeing on Old 27 for 2000's priority, the board worked from a list of other potential road projects that qualify for D-Funds and/or STP funds for the years 2001 and 2002.

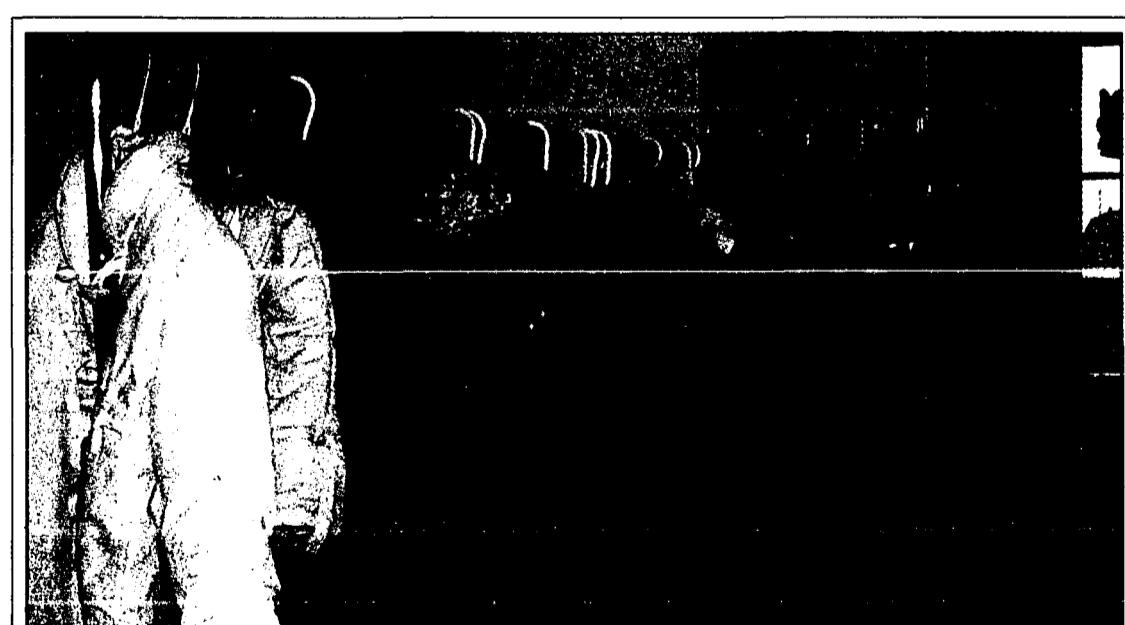
The list, which was prepared by Babcock, included portions of County Road 612, North Down River Road, F-97, Fletcher Road, Military Road, Manistee River Road, Chase Bridge Road, and Wakeley Bridge Road, along with estimated costs for each project.

"All the roads on this list need it,"

said Babcock.

After discussing the potential road projects, the board set two priorities for each year: 2001 -- (1) F-97, from McMasters Bridge Road to North Down River Road (3.8 miles); (2) North Down River Road, from Wakeley Bridge Road to Stephan Bridge Road (2.35 miles); 2002 -- (1) F-97, from M-72 north to McMasters Bridge; (2) another portion of North Down River Road.

After a motion by Board Vice-Chairman Robert Nelson and a second by Commissioner Thomas Perry, the board ratified the priority list with a 3-0 vote.



**WARM AFTER THOUGHTS** — After two pleas in the pages of *The Avalanche*, donations of coats for Crawford County kids and families came into the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center on Huron Street. Anyone wishing to help out with a good, clean coat or with any other program this winter should call Gerry Schroeder (shown) at 348-6046.

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## Controversial drainage pipe crosses AuSable no more

**PROBLEM SOLVED** — Grayling City Public Works employees installed a new septic system for the Crawford County Library last week, eliminating the need for connection to the city sewer system. The project includes removal of the reportedly leaky, unsightly, and controversial drain pipe that ran parallel to the James Street bridge and crossing the AuSable River. The project was approved by the new Grayling City Council and will be paid for with city funds. Library Board president Terry Wright said his board is pleased the new council took action.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

## Committee seeks second MDOT grant to fund future trails

With one hefty grant already in hand, the Crawford County Multi-Use Trails Committee is now making final plans to submit a second grant application that will allow an extension of the current trail plan to Hartwick Pines State Park.

Multi-use trails are a recreation, transportation, and economic concept with the intent of linking destination points through the use of alternative transportation. They can be used by hikers, bicyclists, skaters and cross-country skiers.

Construction on the first trail, through an earlier Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) grant of \$594,000, will begin in the spring and will link Hanson Hills Recreation Area with Grayling High School and the fair-ground athletic fields. Included in the first grant were monies to conduct an engineering plan to extend the trail from the High School to Hartwick Pines.

Because of the need to add a bicycle lane to the M-93 overpass

at I-75, the cost of the Hartwick Pines link will be very steep.

The second grant, which will be submitted by month's end, will include actual construction costs for a 10-foot-wide, paved trail, over I-75, to the Pines. It will also ask for money for a feasibility and engineering study for a third trail linking North Higgins Lake State Park with the City of Grayling, at Industrial Drive.

On the drawing board are future plans to link trails from the city with the former Rayburn Property on M-72 east and west to Lake Margrethe. Plans beyond that are still being developed, but will include links to all townships in Crawford County and all surrounding counties.

MDOT transportation enhancement grants totaling millions of dollars are awarded for local projects like multi-use trails, each year. With the recent surge to build trails in and between dozens of Michigan communities, competition has been

very stiff. The grant awarded to the Crawford County committee in 1999 was the second largest in Northern Michigan.

Other trail projects are being developed in Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Otsego, Presque Isle, Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties. A large portion of funding

for those projects has come through the MDOT transportation enhancement program. One reason Crawford County was successful in obtaining a grant, when other communities were passed over, was the commitment from the local community in providing substantial matching funds.

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year from traffic violations. Though there were rumblings from some community members of mismanagement, a late summer audit of the library's bookkeeping resulted in the need for only minor adjustments and improvements.

A bigger building would remedy the problem of limited offerings at the library, including the children's area and new technology. Library Board members have indicated. Currently, as new books are acquired, older books must be eliminated, most often through the library's annual book sale. Sacrificing the availability of the older volumes sometimes comes sooner than library staff would like. Children's programs and programs to increase circulation should see improvement once library patrons have more elbow room in a bigger and brighter building.

The County Board must approve the language of the library building proposal before it is placed on the presidential primary ballot for an August 6 vote.

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# More than 450 meals served

by Cheryl Riley  
Staff Writer

More than 450 meals were served on Thanksgiving Day by the Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee.

"We know that volunteers delivered 175 meals, but we lost count of the total dinners served somewhere around 450," said dinner co-founder Therese Kaiser. "It got real hectic in there." Twenty-six turkeys were roasted for the dinner.

Kaiser and her husband, Skip, founded the annual free dinner six years ago when they wanted to make sure that no one went without a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Kaiser estimates 75 meals were served the first year and doubled that the second. But, Kaiser is very clear on one point, "The credit goes to the people of this community -- businesses and individuals. Otherwise, this dinner would not be possible."

The Committee is comprised of St. John Lutheran Church parishioners and others from the community. It takes hours of planning and preparation as well as many volunteers to pull it off each year.

Donations of money and food were received from all over Crawford County. Money is mailed in or donated at the door each year. Citizens are always willing to volunteer for this event. This year, one volunteer came in from Petoskey



photos by Cheryl Riley

just to help out.

Home delivery to the elderly and shut-ins is something the Committee is happy to provide. Reservations come in from all over the county, and this year, one came in from as far away as Saginaw. "Someone there read the article in *The Avalanche* and called to reserve a meal for a loved one," Kaiser said.

Because of the outpouring from the community, a generous donation will be made to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center to help stock their food pantry for the winter months and to help pay for the Center's various Christmas programs.

A small amount of the money raised is already budgeted for next year's Thanksgiving dinner -- seed money, so to speak.

"It just keeps getting bigger and better every year," Kaiser said proudly.



**TEAM WORK** - (Top) Mike Smith, Skip Kaiser, Lou Sorenson and Don Sorenson take care of dinner details each year in the Knights of Columbus Hall kitchen. Kaiser and the two Sorensons have been part of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner crew since it began in 1994. (Above) Six-year old Steven Kaminsky and his four-year old sister Jessica Kaminsky, came to Grayling from Houghton Lake with their mother to enjoy the 6th Annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted by St. John Lutheran Church.

## Habitat gets ready to dedicate two more Crawford homes

Houses three and four have just been completed by the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity and they will be dedicated this weekend in special ceremonies.

On Saturday, December 4, the Teal family will dedicate their new home on Manistee River Road, about three miles north of M-72 West. Then on Sunday, December 5, the Arwood family will dedicate their home on Dawn Drive, just off of Roberts Road.

The dedications will take place each day at 1 p.m., with an open house to follow until 3 p.m. The public is invited to come and meet

## Seven Mile, gravel pit agreement signed by Road Commission

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final agreement, which is intended to improve and maintain access to the pit, and establish a long-term plan for maintenance of 7 Mile Road in anticipation of the increased traffic and heavier loads that will be travelling on the roadway.

As stated in the document, Glancy must provide an initial 14,000 cubic yards of (grade 23A) gravel to be used on three miles of 7 Mile Road, from South Grayling Road to the pit.

Also, Glancy agreed to produce 750 cubic yards of gravel on a yearly basis "for the Road Commission for Crawford County to use for maintenance operations and future roadway improvements," according to the agreement.

The half-mile of 7 Mile Road "from the existing pavement to Merino Road," and including the Merino intersection, will be paved.

the families, and to see the houses that contributions have helped build. This is also an opportunity to volunteer for future projects and to ask Habitat board members how you can become involved.

Habitat's next project will be the renovation of a house in Frederic, which will count as house number five. This will be Habitat's first renovation project.

For more information on the dedications or how you can help provide affordable housing for Crawford County residents, contact the Habitat for Humanity office at 344-0804.

## Law enforcement sets up tree lot

The Crawford County Deputies & Sheriff's Associations will hold their 3rd Annual Christmas Tree sale, December 3-5, and December 10-12, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., in the Grayling KMart parking lot. A variety of trees (pines, spruces and firs) will be sold at prices ranging from \$15-\$30.

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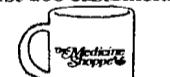
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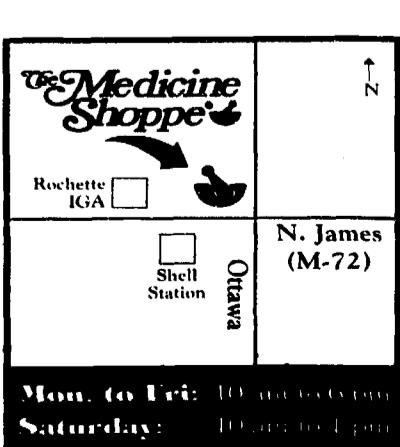
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Mom and Dad must keep it cool

I SEE BY THE papers that if young athletes in Jupiter, Florida want to compete in sports, Mom and Dad must agree to be civil. That's a new regulation of the Jupiter-Tequesta Athletic Association, which serves 6,000 kids ages 5 - 18 in soccer, football, basketball, cheerleading and other sports.

Under the new rules, at least one parent must take an hour-long ethics course and sign a non-aggressive pact.

No pledge by parents, no play for the kids.

Some other cities may have ethics codes for sports parents, but this is the first time anywhere it's been mandatory.

The first point of the code of ethics for parents is:

"I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event."

As a multi-experienced watcher of youth sports for many years, I'll buy the deal. It's a good idea.

**JEFF LESLIE**, a volunteer president of the J-TAA, cited no major problems so far, but admitted some small skirmishes with big potential, and that both coaches and parents have been ejected from games in the past.

"We just want to de-escalate the intensity that's being shown by the parents at these games," he explained.

"To my knowledge, we've never had a parent physical confrontation, but we've had parent shouting matches ... you just never know."

Two nearby Florida towns have faced recent problems: A soccer coach headbutted a referee, and faces battery charges ... two coaches and seven players were expelled from a youth football game after police broke up a melee.

Stories about absurd confrontations at youth games come up all the time, bringing into question some parental sanity levels.

**ANYONE WHO** has ever watched their kids in an intense soccer match or football game can recognize the potential for problems.

Parental misbehavior is not a product of the times, either. It doesn't grow from violence in movies and video games, or outlandish actions of overpriced professional players whose antics saturate television screens at home or in sports bars.

Personally, we're going through a second phase of partisan fandom at youth games. Thirty years or so ago, we rooted on our children in softball and football and volleyball. The last few years (and for several more to come, we hope) it's our grandchildren on the soccer fields and hockey rinks and gridirons who draw our cheers.

It's pretty much the same then as now. Kids are kids, and parents are parents. The pride and the passion are just as deep today as a generation ago.

We can recall obnoxious parents and demeaning incidents a generation ago, just as unseemly as those that occur today.

Thirty years ago, we attended a boisterous meeting where some loud mouth parents wanted to fire the coach. He stayed.

Last year we witnessed a coach spitting at a referee -- and then dodging warrant-servicing deputies at the next game. He left.

We sat with parents 30 years ago who should have been ashamed of their conduct, and we watch some now who should be just as ashamed of the way they act.

Parents still yell, as they did before, at the referees, at the coaches, at their kids -- which is the worst of all.

**IT'S ALWAYS** a battle between those parents who want to win at any cost, and those who just want to see their kids participate. Usually the parents of the most talented are in the first group, parents of the less gifted in the latter.

Various coaches approach the game in various ways. Obviously no coach can keep every parent happy.

But the main point should be that the game is for the players. Parents as spectators are invited guests. Coaches are facilitators to see not only that athletic skills are developed to their utmost, but more importantly that the fundamentals of teamwork, good sportsmanship, and personal development of players are advanced as much as possible.

Parents have an obligation to show up at these games and cheer on their offspring. Kids thrive on parental attention.

But parents should be truly supportive, courteous, positive, civil and fair-minded ... and it shouldn't require a course in ethics with a training video and a handbook to act that way.

**Richard Milliman** is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## VIEWPOINT

by Lynnette Corlew, Chairman  
Crawford County Board of Commissioners

# Progress made with court reform

The following editorial was taken from a speech delivered to the Michigan Supreme Court at a public hearing on November 4.

"I have been asked by our Chief Judge Alton Davis to spend a few minutes talking about court reform from a County Commissioner point of view.

"As you know, our local court system is one of the demonstration projects addressing court reorganization. Our court system encompasses Crawford, Kalkaska, and Otsego Counties. However, we also have two overlapping District Courts: Crawford District Court is combined with Roscommon County, and Kalkaska/Otsego District Court is combined with Antrim County. Roscommon and Antrim are not within our Circuit.

"I do not have very much information concerning the caseload of our court system, but I can share with you the changes my county has experienced in matters of communication and finance. Prior to court reform, every effort was repeated three times, three Chief Judges, three budgets, three different personnel policies.

"With the ongoing demonstration project, there has been a concerted effort to streamline the administrative function of the court. This has helped both in consistency of policy and communication. It has helped the court speak with one voice with one message. The court tends to try to move in the same direction in all three counties on a given issue. This not only leads to all three counties hearing the same message, it allows all three counties to discuss the common issues and concerns so a resolution can be achieved.

"In an attempt to advance this process, Crawford County has joined Otsego County in passing a resolution declaring its willingness to enter into a Binding Management

Council with the 46th Circuit, per your administrative order. This council, if formed, would allow the courts to discuss all of their concerns and proposals with all counties at the same time. It will also create the environment for the counties to discuss their concerns as a group in order to achieve a common goal.

"Communication is the most important aspect of this or any other project, all parties involved must communicate and LISTEN (sic) in order for this project to evolve and reach its potential.

"There has also been some progress made in the areas of budgets. Information is coming more freely, which leads to a stronger trust. However, this information is, at times, hard to disseminate due to a difference in fiscal years under which the courts operate.

"Crawford is the only county in the Circuit operating under an October 1 fiscal year, as does the State of Michigan. When trying to analyze total court finances within the entire Circuit, this makes it difficult. It also dictates Crawford County's as the first budget the court has to submit. It would seem to be more efficient if the court could sit down with all three counties at the same time to discuss the upcoming budget cycle.

"This fiscal year, Crawford County became the first of the three to develop and implement a unified judicial budget. This will help in evaluating the courts as a whole and place the responsibility of assigning accountability to the courts themselves. It will also give the courts the flexibility to offset shortfalls in one area within the same budget.

"When I discussed court reform with other county elected officials, I realized we have experienced a great deal of positive change. The treasurer now receives daily deposits from both court divisions instead of

weekly or bi-weekly. This creates an opportunity for the treasurer to invest funds more rapidly and provides a stabilizing effect to the daily cash flow of the county.

"The County Clerk stated the changes implemented by Judge Davis have lead to a dramatic reduction in jury days served, from 90 down to 15 days. This reduction helps spread jury responsibility among many citizens. The increase in workload is offset by the reduction in complaints by prospective jurors. Since changes have been made, the Sheriff has expressed his appreciation for a more efficient and timely adjudication process.

"Nevertheless, there are still opportunities to advance and improve. We must not forget the legislation needed to dissolve the 83rd District Court that covers Roscommon and Crawford Counties. This process must be completed. We no longer share the operating costs for a court recorder or a probation officer, but we still handle the pass-through funds. The same situation exists with the District Court in Antrim County, which is combined with Kalkaska and Otsego, yet Antrim Circuit Court is combined with Grand Traverse County.

"We need to provide at least one bailiff to the courts. Crawford County has experienced severe financial difficulties in recent years, to the point of reducing many services, including a reduction in Sheriff's road patrol. When the Sheriff's Department provides an officer to function as a bailiff, we have one less officer on the road and sometimes contend with overtime expenses. We need to find a way to secure funding for a bailiff position.

"The never-ending issue of disparity between the wages of court and county employees must also be addressed. Simply put: two employees, similar work, same community (perhaps even neighbors), yet a significantly different wage scale from the same funding source, seems a bit unfair. This issue is not unique to Crawford County, although it is an issue that causes conflict when budgets are tight. This will also be one of the most challenging issues to resolve in the future.

"Overall, the demonstration project has been a success. Yet, it has not come close to achieving its fullest potential. Change is a slow process, but we are comfortable with the people involved and confident in their abilities.

"We are convinced that the changes so far have been positive and, in some instances, dramatic. We look forward to the unlimited potential this project promises."

involved with long distance travel, or the uprooting of families in order to relocate. Otsego County is strategically located to serve the entire Northern Michigan area.

Michigan Technical Educational Center's (M-TEC) grant to Kirtland Community College (KCC), and the partnership between KCC and Alpine Regional Educational Center (AREC) have endowed the locality with a once in a lifetime opportunity to fund the expansion of AREC through a 50% cost savings. This collaborative effort will allow 1,200 students the diversity of seven col-

leges and two community colleges offering 2-year, 4-year and Masters degree programs.

Individual self-determination and proactive stances are imperative in order for these millages to pass. I encourage all of you to stamp out voter apathy. Call your friends, neighbors and relatives residing in Otsego County and remind them that "their" vote is significant in opening the doors to our future success.

Mary Kay Blaauw  
Grayling

# Veterans Day assembly was 'special'

To the editor,

I want to congratulate Judi Gorski, her staff and student body at Grayling High School for the outstanding Veterans Day program that took place in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium on November 11, 1999.

The students in charge of organizing and carrying out their various responsibilities to accommodate us were very professional, and in large part, responsible for making this such a special day. Job well done, young people!

All the student involvement was greatly appreciated, including: the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Karen Ross; Allison Schoen's read-

ing of *Taps*; and the young people who played *Taps*.

It was the most meaningful Veterans Day commemorative event I have ever experienced. I wish every person in our community could have experienced the awe and reverence of this ceremony, especially the respect and attentiveness of the student body.

I feel that *something special* transpired as we honored our veterans during this program -- *something special* to renew our sense of patriotism and awareness of our Godly Christian heritage that made America such a great nation.

Many young people, as well as

# Otsego voters encouraged on M-TEC millage

To the editor,

On December 7, 1999, Otsego County will have the opportunity to invest in a shared, comprehensive, vocational, technical and higher education center.

Gaylor's desire to enhance its higher educational facilities, as well as promote community growth and development should be applauded. Such a program would benefit all Northern Michigan residents, affording them the opportunity to achieve personal as well as professional aspirations without additional travel expenses, the time factor

involved with long distance travel, or the uprooting of families in order to relocate. Otsego County is strategically located to serve the entire Northern Michigan area.

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# Theft of GPA's snowman taints holiday spirit

To the editor,

Where, oh where did that snowman go? GPA put up snowmen all over town (and we're ready to put up more). GPA thought they looked really cute.

We thought it would get the attention of townspeople and tourists. We thought it would make people think about the fact that we live in a

wonderful town, a town that is proud of this community and the people who live here.

GPA thought it would send a message to folks passing thru that the people in Grayling are special!

What a shame that everyone doesn't feel that way -- that someone would stoop so low as to steal a snowman from in front of the Chamber of Commerce building. Who would steal a snowman???

The Chamber feels badly. GPA

# Christmas Walk was nicest ever

To the editor,

Grayling's Christmas Walk was the nicest we've ever seen it. Obviously, a lot of people put thought and time into making it a special night. We wish to express our appreciation to all who had a part.

Alan and Ruby Peterson  
Grayling

business people at the local Knights of Columbus hall.

Dinners were also delivered to the shut-ins and disabled.

Evelyn Shuraleff  
Grayling

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To the editor,

I always said "Grayling is a small town with a big heart."

Thanksgiving dinner for everyone was hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church using volunteers and local

# BRIEFS

## Christmas Special this Thursday

The Cultural Events Series' annual Christmas Special will be performed Thursday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Unreserved seating is still available. Tickets are \$6 per person; family and group rates are available. For more information call 348-7641, ext. 123 or 120, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Lions' raffle winners announced

Winners of the Grayling Lions raffle are: 1st Prize - S. Hanson of Grayling; 2nd Prize - Brent Wilber of Bronson; and, 3rd Prize - Michelle Sowinski of Grayling.

## Pet photos with Santa raise money

Get your pet photographed with Santa Claus on Sunday, December 5, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at Milltown Groomer and help raise money for the operating expenses of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. For a \$5 contribution, get an on-the-spot Polaroid or digital picture of your dog(s) or cat(s) posed with Santa Claus. Milltown Groomer is located at 6405 M72 West, just west of Grayling.

## Gardeners share 'Culinary Delights'

Join the Master Gardeners at their December meeting and enjoy "Culinary Delights from the Garden." Bring an edible item made from something from the garden -- not necessarily your garden. Also, bring the recipe and an appetite. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Lyon Township Hall on Monday, December 13. Bring paper and pencil to copy recipes while the group visits and discusses common garden problems. For more information, call President Barb at (517) 275-5832. Everyone is welcome to join the Master Gardeners for this evening and learn some gardening tips.

## 'Christmas in the Village' this weekend

The 22nd Annual Roscommon "Christmas in the Village" candle walk and craft show, Friday and Saturday, December 3-4 beginning at 7 p.m. Friday with a free concert at the Roscommon Cinema and culminating with a parade and the lighting of the village Christmas tree at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Activities on Saturday begin at 8 a.m. with Breakfast with Santa at the Roscommon Knights of Columbus Hall. The CRAF Center will be buzzing with all kinds of holiday activity, including a craft show.

## 4-H swim programs begin soon

The Tiny Tot Swim Program for three- and four-year olds will begin December 6. This year classes will be held at the Super 8 Motel on Four Mile Road in Grayling. Cost is \$18 and classes meet for one half-hour each week for six weeks. Times are 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. for three-year olds and 12 noon or 2 p.m. for four-year olds. Class size is limited to five students per class. To enroll, register at the Crawford County MSU-E office located in the basement of the courthouse. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Registration will not be taken over the phone.

## Gaylord Arts presents holiday play

Tickets are now on sale for the December 11 performance of "Amahl and the Night Visitor," presented by the Gaylord Area Council for the Arts in partnership with Mayfair Plastics, Inc. This holiday favorite is sure to delight all ages. The performance will take place in the Alan Gornick Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by mail at P.O. Box 249, Gaylord, MI 49734, or at Saturn Booksellers in Gaylord. Prices are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$9 for children. For more information, call (517) 732-3242.

## Land conservancy group to meet

The HeadWaters Land Conservancy will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m., December 9, in the former library building, now the MSU Extension Office. The office is adjacent to the Courthouse Annex in Mio, one block east of the blinker light at M-33 and M-72. The Conservancy assists land owners in preparing conservation easements and other forms of land protection plans. For more information, call (517) 826-5714.

## Conservation club to meet next week

The Camp Grayling Conservation Club is scheduled to meet Monday, December 6, at Lovell's Riverside Tavern, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (517) 344-6153.

## Legion auxiliary plans Christmas party

The Grayling American Legion Auxiliary 106 Christmas party will be held at the post on Wednesday, December 8. A potluck dinner at 5 p.m. will be followed by "Playing Card BINGO." Please bring a \$5 gift to exchange and bring a guest. For more information, call Wilma Case at 348-1369.

## Health Dept. offers preventative shots

According to Sue Lucksted, RN, District Health Department #10 at 202 Meadows Drive in Grayling, still has a few pneumonia and flu vaccines available. For more information, call 348-7800.

## High school hosts financial aid night

Financial Aid Information Night will be held in the Grayling High School Media Center, Tuesday, December 7 at 7 p.m. The program is open to students of any grade level and their parents or guardians.

## 'Christmas Schooner' adds to holiday fare

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will present the musical, *The Christmas Schooner* in the church sanctuary, December 3, 4 and 5, at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

The musical is critically acclaimed and a unique production

in that it is based on a true story and the setting is Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Tickets may be purchased at the church office or from any member of the cast.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for students, with no family paying more than \$15.

## Basketball programs to be featured at Meet the Team

The annual Spaghetti Dinner and Meet the Team Night for the Grayling basketball programs, hosted by the Spirit Club, will be held this Friday (December 3) at Grayling High School.

The spaghetti dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m. in the GHS cafeteria. The dinner will feature a salad, spaghetti and beverage. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family. Children under five are admitted free.

Meet the Team events will start at 7 p.m. with a 7th grade green vs. white scrimmage. The eighth graders will play next, followed by an introduction of the middle school

cheerleaders and a cheer routine.

The freshmen team will then scrimmage the JV squad, followed by a routine and introductions of the JV and varsity cheer teams.

The varsity basketball team will wrap up the program with a green vs. white scrimmage.

A meeting for the parents of all the high school players will be held at the conclusion of Meet the Team Night.

The spaghetti dinner is a fundraiser for the Spirit Club. Organizers said the event has had outstanding support in the past, and hope people will come out and enjoy a nice Friday night again this year.

## AARP needs volunteer tax helpers

The AARP TAX-AIDE program is beginning to get organized for this coming tax year.

Tax preparation is offered free to all persons of low to moderate incomes, with special emphasis for seniors at locations in many areas, including Grayling, Houghton Lake, and St. Helen.

A comprehensive training program is offered in January 2000 to all volunteers who will be performing tax assistance.

Presently AARP is in need of volunteers for this program. One need not be a member of the National AARP organization to volunteer as a tax helper.

All who have the time and wish to be in a position to help needy persons are welcome to volunteer but need to register as soon as possible.

## Diabetic holiday cooking class offered at Mercy

The Diabetes Education Department at Mercy Hospital in Grayling will host a presentation called "Holiday Cooking," designed for those who are suffering from diabetes. The presentation will include holiday meal planning and taste testing.

The presentation will be Monday, December 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Mercy Center, Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

There is no charge for the presentation, however, reservations are required and seating is limited.

To make a reservation or have questions answered, call (517) 348-0708.

## Mt. Hope offers Advent services

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church will offer Advent services on Wednesday evenings, December 1, 8 and 15, at 7 p.m. each night.

The church will also hold a candlelight Christmas Eve service December 24 at 7 p.m. and a New Year's Eve service, December 31 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Animal Rights Radicals

Page 23-A of the October 13, 1999 issue of *The Farmers' Advance* carried an article entitled, "PETA to wage war against McDonald's." PETA or People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has given up negotiations with McDonalds two years after the 1997 "McLiber" verdict by the British high court in London which ruled that McDonald's was violating animal welfare laws. "PETA specifically asked McDonald's to triple the living space of caged chickens; delete from its menu all items made from genetically altered birds, factory farmed eggs and confined swine; and offer at all U.S. McDonald's restaurants veggie burgers and veggie nuggets like those served at European McDonald's."

From another aspect, Duke University law professor William Reppy Jr. told the *New York Times* that soon the animal rights activists will prepare a great ape to testify in an American courtroom. Either by speaking through a voice synthesizer, or using sign language, the ape will argue in court for a fundamental right to liberty. The animal activist lawyers believe such a testimony will change a lot of minds about the status of animals as property.

It is reported that Steven Wise, who is teaching Harvard Law School's first course in animal law says lawyers can use slavery-era statutes that authorized

legal non-persons (slaves) to bring suits. Steven Wise also talks of using the courts to knock down the wall between humans and apes. Once apes have rights, he says, the status of other animals can be decided by other courts and other litigation.

Harvard law professor Mary Ann Glendon, author of "Rights Talk," writes about our legal culture's "lost language of obligation." Instead of casting their arguments in terms of human responsibility for the natural world, these activists will argue about "rights" of animals, and even about the "rights" of trees and mountains. Gary Francione, who teaches animal law at Rutgers University, even says gorillas "should be declared to be persons under the Constitution."

From another point of attack *The Arizona Republic* carried an article by Usha Lee McFarling on 9/16/1999 about obesity experts offering a radical agenda to reduce the growing ranks of overweight Americans, including proposals to tax high-fat foods and make insurers cover weight loss programs. The nation's top doctor, Surgeon General David Satcher, is already convinced about the problem. He said, "Obesity is a major public health problem in this country and one that deserves much more attention..."

Have liberal intelligencia reversed in their minds God's created hierarchy for life on earth beginning with God, man, animals, and vegetables? Have evolutionary theories warped their common sense and logic? (Romans 1:22-23) "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." (23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things." Believing in good people and bad things, the tobacco industry, the gun industry, and perhaps soon even the food industry can be sued, taxed, and either controlled or destroyed by the changing whims of the human gods of science and bureaucratic government.

"Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeweb.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 am

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## Mt. Hope to burn mortgage Dec. 5

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church will celebrate the burning of their mortgage, on December 5 at their 10:30 a.m. service. The congregation feels that its humble beginnings in 1950 to the present, God has blessed this warm and friendly church.

Mt. Hope began as a small gathering at Grange Hall in Grayling. The first service was held on February 8, 1950 and was presided over by Reverend Ralph C. Claus of Trinity Lutheran Church of Gaylord. The plate offering that first service amounted to \$10.63.

Reverend Claus served the congregation until February 24, 1952 when he accepted a call. Pastor Robert Naffz, of the Alpena circuit served as a relief pastor from March 2, 1952 until June 8, 1952 and remained active on an interim basis for the next 25 years. At that time,

the church consisted of 27 communicate members.

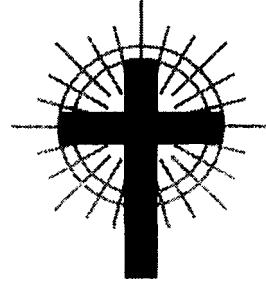
The first church building was built at the corner of Vine and Spruce Streets in Grayling, at a cost of \$10,800. The first daytime service held at this location was on June 24, 1954.

Pastors Kenneth Behnken, Hugo List, Eugene Schmidt, Robert Mueller and H.F. Brielske served as interim pastors until October 1954.

Reverend Gordon Light served as Mt. Hope's first permanent pastor from October 1954 until September 1958. The church was dedicated on February 6, 1955 by Pastors Light, Claus and Paul Beck.

On October 19, 1958, the Reverend Elmer Scheck was installed as Pastor, and in June 1959 a service celebrating the cornerstone laying for a basement addition was held by Reverend Paul Heinecke.

The dedication service for the church at its present location was held on May 1, 1960. Many members gave their time and talent in constructing the new building. In



spite of a few setbacks, such as the collapse of the rear wall during a windstorm, the new church was completed. Pastors Light and Emil Voss presided over the dedication services.

Over the years, Reverends Beyer, Weber, Melinian, Heinath, and Wollenberg have also served as Pastors at Mt. Hope.

Current pastor Reverend Paul Boerger and the congregation of Mt. Hope invite the public to join them in celebrating this joyful occasion in praise to God for all His blessings and for His son, Jesus Christ.

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church is located at the intersection of Old 27 North and M-93.

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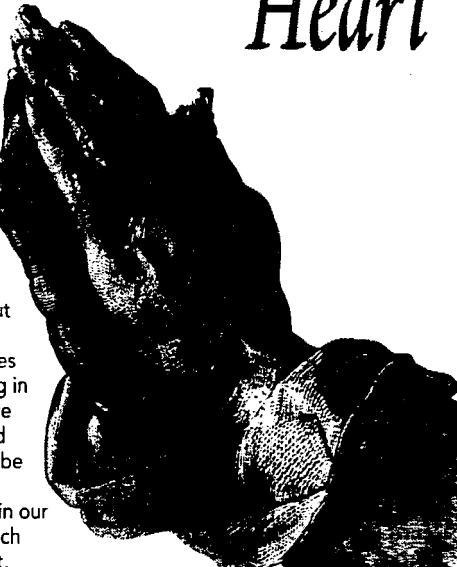
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As the air becomes cold and the branches bare, it is apparent that the season of Thanksgiving is near. We cook turkey and stuffing and all sorts of wonderful offerings behind windows that steam as the crispness of fall meets the warmth of bubbling pans of gravy. Grocery stores strain to meet the demand as the big day nears.

It is the morning of Thanksgiving. One by one, the family arrives from near and far. Doors and hearts open wide for each guest as we greet those whom we do not see often and some whom we do. Finally it is time to join our hands in prayer and give thanks for God's blessings throughout the year.

Of course, everyone does not celebrate Thanksgiving in this same fashion, yet, if we open the door and let God into our hearts, we all can be thankful for the continual blessings of God working in our lives. Visit God's House each week. New blessings await. Happy Thanksgiving!

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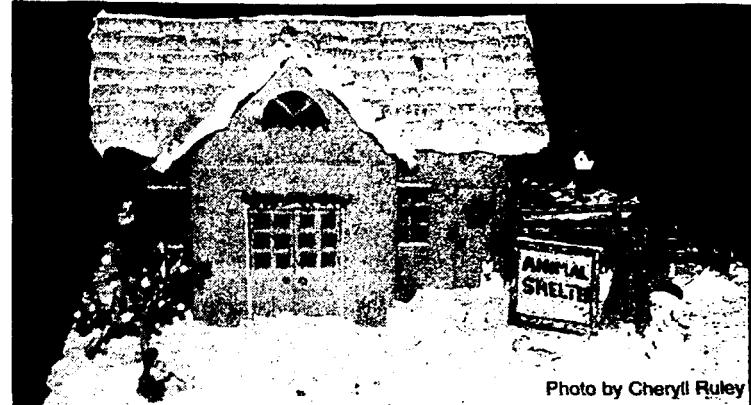


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**DELICIOUS DESIGN** – Susan Thiel displayed her gingerbread version of the new animal shelter at the Christmas Walk.

## More than 1,300 license plates confiscated under new law

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller reports that as of October 27, at least 1,361 license plates have been confiscated since Michigan's tough new repeat offender laws went into effect October 1.

According to Crawford County Sheriff Dave Lovely, none of the license plates confiscated were seized by his deputies.

"It's staggering to think that in the routine course of patrolling our roadways, law enforcement officers are confiscating, on average, 52 license plates every day," Secretary Miller said. "In each instance the driver was either arrested for a second alcohol offense or for driving while license suspended at least a third time."

"This substantiates our concern that repeat offenders pose a clear and present danger and that these tough new laws were needed to keep repeat offenders off our roadways," she added.

Secretary Miller noted that just one to two percent of Michigan's nearly seven million licensed drivers have a driving history that could make them subject to these new laws, should they be arrested again for drunk driving or driving while license suspended.

The greatest number of license plate confiscations occurred in Wayne County with 234 confiscations, Oakland County with 177 and in Macomb County where 174

license plates have been confiscated.

Other counties with substantial license plate confiscations included Ingham County with 68, Genesee County with 58, Kent with 40, Saginaw with 39, Kalamazoo County with 31, Ottawa County with 28, Bay County with 26 and Muskegon with 25.

While the drivers were given paper license plates so vehicles can be driven by sober, valid licensed drivers while cases are pending, courts will order the vehicles immobilized for three months to three years, depending on the conviction the driver ultimately receives and the history on the driver's record.

Secretary Miller noted that under the repeat offender laws, her department has ordered Ignition Interlock

devices for 135 revoked drivers who have been approved for relicensing. Ignition Interlock requires a driver to be alcohol free to start a vehicle and requires continued monitoring while the vehicle is in use.

Repeat offenders are drivers with

two or more alcohol-related convictions within seven years; three or more convictions for driving while suspended or revoked in seven years; or, drivers with three or more alcohol-related convictions within 10 years.

The board sold Christmas ornaments during the Christmas walk as a fundraiser and is accepting monetary donations for the project by mail, at: Animal Shelter Project Fund, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738 to the attention of Joe Porter.

For ornament information, call 348-9012.

## State police train for field sobriety testing

The Office of Highway Safety and Planning provided law enforcement officers throughout the state with the tools traffic safety specialists need to remove drunk/drugged drivers from the roadways of our state: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration approved Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training.

S.T.O.R.M. (Sobriety Trained Officers Representing Michigan), a

collaborative effort of various instructors throughout the state and the Office of Highway Safety and Planning, was formed to address the problems associated with drunk driving.

December 7-9, state troopers and several federal officers from northern Michigan will receive this specialized training at the Grayling Holiday Inn in order to win the battle against drunk driving.

## Community foundation grants available

The Crawford County Committee of North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) has grant applications available for their winter grant cycle.

Mini grant requests for up to \$300 and common grant requests for up to \$2,500 will be considered.

The grant screening process committee intends to fund as many projects as possible throughout the county.

The Ogemaw, Roscommon, Crawford Area Youth Advisory

Council (ORCA YAC) will also be accepting grant applications during this cycle. The YAC will also accept both mini grant requests and common grant requests.

Applicants must be recognized as or sponsored by a non-profit, charitable organization with 501(c)3 status, or by a school or government body.

Application deadline is December 31, 1999. Determinations will be made within 70 days of the application deadline.

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## Healthy Starts: Mercy program guides new parents

A new program to benefit new parents and their infants, presented by Mercy Hospital, has been awarded the Emily George Fund for Human Needs for the next three years. The grant was in the amount of \$50,000 for each of the three years. The program is called "Healthy Starts: Parents and Infants."

The Emily George Fund is funded by Mercy Health Foundation, the corporate office of Mercy Health Services North. Grayling Mercy Hospital submitted a request for funding which was reviewed along with 45 other requests. Eleven requests were funded and only six of the 11 were awarded for multiple years.

"We addressed a need that was apparent in our community - that of education for parents after the newborn comes home," said Nancy Hodges, RN, Clinical Coordinator of Obstetrics at Mercy Hospital. "During the pregnancy period, education is focused on the mother and the pregnancy and birth itself.

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**PIONEERING PARENTING PROGRAM** — New parents can get off to the right foot with their infants, from conception through the first year of life, by signing up for "Healthy Starts" through Mercy Hospital. Shown are the program's staff: Nancy Hodges, RN; Gleniss Daversa, RN, BSN, CNA; and, Teresa Gertiser, RN, BSN.

with their newborn, they can face confusion and lack of preparation. That is where "Healthy Starts" can assist."

Hodges said further that with decreased lengths of stay after childbirth, there was a small window of opportunity for needed education and early intervention, but she said the Mercy personnel feel the knowl-

edge doesn't really "sink in" in the hospital setting. "A more appropriate time for the education is once the new family arrives home," Hodges said.

Healthy Starts begins in the obstetrician's office where a registered nurse and/or social worker introduces themselves to the expectant mother and assesses parental skills. The Healthy Start staff is a resource throughout the pregnancy and then after delivery, provides in-home education and early intervention if a problem occurs.

Typically, the staff would make home visits six times in the first year. Not only is education provided, but also support and referrals to appropriate agencies are offered whenever needed.

Mercy Hospital administrators are

very concerned about infant mortality in the communities they serve and are working with the health departments, home health care and other agencies to address the issue through Healthy Starts.

"We will measure our results and are hopeful for continuation of the program beyond three years," said Gleniss Daversa, RN, BSN, CNA, Director of Acute/Critical Care Services at Mercy. "There is no other community that offers a program of this kind. We can't wait to get started!"

The program will be developed and actualized by program leader, Teresa Gertiser, RN, BSN.

For more information about Healthy Starts call Grayling Mercy Hospital at 348-5461 or talk to your obstetrician or family doctor.

## Rotary to award scholarship

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## Higgins-Rosco Chamber gets new director

by Cheryl Rulley  
Staff Writer

Roscommon resident Donna Pflum has been hired as executive director of the Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce, replacing James Clendening who resigned earlier this year. Her duties began November 1. Pflum, a 17-year resident of

Roscommon, was coordinator of volunteer services at Grayling Mercy Hospital for over 13 years before her position was eliminated during cost-cutting staff reduction this year.

Prior to her job with Mercy, Pflum was secretary of the Mancelona Chamber of Commerce, and she and her husband, David,

managed a Chamber operated mobile home park. Pflum also served on the Mancelona Board of Education.

One of Pflum's goals as the new Chamber executive director is to conduct a survey to help determine the expectations of its members and to develop a three- to five-year plan for the business community she serves.

## Class offered on snowshoe making

The Michigan Snowshoe Center is offering three snowshoe making classes on December 11, January 22, and February 5.

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## Local couple opens new pharmacy in Grayling

It'll be strictly business at the new Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, opening Monday, December 6 at 300 North James Street in Grayling. Jeff and Michele Steffey, R.Ph., say professional healthcare service is the focus of their new pharmacy.

"We're not interested in selling cosmetics and candy -- just in providing a community source for medication information and service," the Steffeyes agreed.

"We stock only prescription medicines, vitamins and healthcare products," they said.

The pharmacy is part of a growing chain of more than 1,000 independently-owned pharmacies. Jeff said. "The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy lets us do what we do best: serve customers personally."

Because they can concentrate on pharmacy, the Steffeyes will have

extensive customer services that include medication counseling, tracking drug interactions, and guaranteed 15-minute prescription service, and a large selection of supplies and services.

The Steffeyes will regularly offer free, locally-sponsored screenings for diabetes, high blood pressure and foot conditions.

Michele points out these screenings are not diagnostic. "But, they are an excellent way for people to be active in maintaining good health," she explains.

Jeff and Michele received their Bachelor of Science degrees in Pharmacy from Ferris State University College of Pharmacy in Big Rapids.

Grand Opening festivities are scheduled for the week of December 6.



Jeff Steffey, R.Ph. and Michele Steffey, R.Ph.

## Local artists awarded in Alpena museum art contest

by Cheryl Ruley

Staff Writer

Of 367 works submitted to the 1999 Northeast Michigan Artists Juried Exhibit at the Jesse Besser Museum in Alpena, only seven won places or awards in the contest finals. Two of the winners were from Grayling.

Dwight Hassan, an art student at Kirtland Community College, won the Senior Citizen Award for his work in pastels entitled, "Angles." In total, works of three Kirtland instructors and seven Kirtland students were accepted in the public exhibition that runs until December 31 at the museum.

Jeff Bond had two oil paintings accepted by the jury and won the contest's Third Place award for his oil painting entitled, "Hands in

Water."

Bond is a self-taught artist who works in a small studio next to his home in Grayling. Bond specializes in portraiture, a real love of his, and now has his own business, Randolph Bond Portraits. Bond signs all his works "Randolph Bond" in memory of his grandparents.

Bond is a member of Northeast Michigan Artist Guild (NEMAG) and Northwestern Michigan Artists and Craftsmen. He said he is working hard to establish himself as a portrait painter in northern Michigan.

Fifty-one works in various media were chosen for display in the contest's exhibit. Jason Hall of Grayling also has a work included in the exhibit. Works were submitted from 15 counties in northern Michigan for selection by Tara

Munger, Director of Campus Arts Program at Northwood University in Midland.

Winners were presented with their awards at a reception held November 7, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Dale A. Huggler, who also provided award plaques for the contest.

The following are complete results of the 1999 Northeast Michigan Artists juried exhibition:

1st Place (\$500) - Madeline Milidonis-Fritz of Gaylord for "Trilogy" -- a basketry of sea-grass, philodendron and Kubu.

2nd Place (\$250) - Rhonda Holloway of Mio for "A New Experience" -- a large oil painting.

3rd Place (\$100) - Jeffrey R. Bond of Grayling for "Hands in Water" -- an oil painting.

Honorable Mentions (Plaques) -

Jane M. Donovan (summer home in Hillman) for an oil painting entitled, "Midnight Snack"; Chris Moran (summer home in Alpena) for an oil painting entitled, "Next to Midnight."

Senior Citizens Award (Plaque) - Dwight Hassan of Grayling for a pastel work entitled, "Angles."

Special Award from NEMAG (\$100 in memory of Nicholas Zrolka) - Kathleen Fabera of Hale for a color photograph entitled, "Bird Picnic."

For more information on this and future art contests, or about other exhibits at the Jesse Besser Museum, contact:

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## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

The Crawford County Library Board of Trustees will continue to meet at the Grayling City Hall for the rest of the fiscal year.

The Board of Trustees meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. The next meeting will be December 14.

The change of location was approved by the President of the Board, Terry Wright, due to the crowded conditions in the Children's Room of the Crawford County Library.

The Mitten Tree is still in need of decorations of your donated hats, mittens and scarves to help keep the children of Crawford County warm this winter. The Mitten Tree is sponsored by the Friends of the Library

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### Sharon E. Vanderpool

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Mrs. Vanderpool was born August 10, 1938, in Adrian, the daughter of Edgar T. Morris Sr. and Doris L. Wotring. She married Elwyn A. Vanderpool March 14, 1957, in Jasper.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Doris L. Morris, one brother, Russell Morris, and grandson Blake Keir.

She is survived by her husband, Elwyn A. Vanderpool Sr. of Grayling; two daughters, Vonda (Jeff) Sedlacek of Sand Creek, and Kindra (Matt) Keir of Grayling; two sons, Leonard (Dawn) Vanderpool of Gaylord, and Elwyn A. (Tyke) and Jolene Vanderpool Jr., of Oklawaha, Florida; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; father, Edgar Morris Sr. of Hillsdale; two brothers, Tom Morris of Litchfield and Edgar Morris Jr. of Texas.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 11 at 2 p.m. at the Vanderpool Residence in Maple Forest Township with Reverend Dr. Dale Hammond officiating.

The family was served by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

### Melvin J. Marshall

Melvin J. Marshall, of Grayling, passed away at his home Tuesday, November 30, 1999.

A full obituary will follow in next week's edition of the Avalanche.

You may call the Sorenson Funeral Home (348-2951) for time and date of service.

### Card of Thanks

Thanks to all of you who sent flowers, food, cards and were so kind during my sorrow. I shall always remember your thoughtfulness.

Marie Cason

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Grayling City Police Department from November 21 through November 27:

Four false alarms; one felony arrest; one misdemeanor arrest; two assaults; one assist to other departments; one breaking and entering; three city ordinance violations; one domestic; four larcenies; two suspicious situations;

Three private property accidents; three traffic accidents; three civil infraction citations; two misdemeanor citations; one traffic control complaint; four miscellaneous complaints.

In addition, five traffic warnings were issued.

A total of 40 complaints were handled by the Grayling City Police Department during the one-week period.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from November 22 through November 29:

Two ambulance assistance; one criminal sexual conduct; five assault; two burglary; six larceny; two property damage; one liquor laws; three public peace; two OUIL/OUID; eight health and safety (five of which were animal control); three conservation; three miscellaneous criminal;

One service of personal protection papers; 22 accidents (17 of which were car-deer); three civil traffic; one traffic control; three traffic safety; two false alarm; two civil/family trouble; four suspicious situations; 10 general non-criminal.

A total of 86 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

## Albee - LaMotte engagement



Curt LaMotte and Kristina Albee

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Albee, of Grand Blanc announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristina to Mr. Curt LaMotte, son of Duke and Carol LaMotte, of Grayling.

A winter wedding on January 15, 2000 has been planned.

The ceremony and reception will take place at The Dearborn Inn, Dearborn.

Kristina received her B.A. in communication and public relations

from Michigan State University. She is currently working for Carlson Marketing Group, providing marketing services for Ford Motor Company.

Curt received his B.A. in Liberal Arts from Oakland University. He is currently working for Kelly Services, Inc., as an account/client representative.

Kristina and Curt are currently living in Rochester Hills.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing is not conducted at Camp Grayling during the firearm deer season, December 1 - December 7.

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by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

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### Helpful Tips for Allergy Sufferers

Question: Can you give us allergy sufferers any tips to minimize our discomfort?

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Answer: Each year more than 40 million Americans suffer from allergic rhinitis, better known as hayfever. These allergic bouts include stuffy head and watery eyes, and can occur one or several times a year. Some unfortunate individuals suffer all year round.

Millions of work days and school days are lost to allergy attacks and one-half billion dollars per year are spent by Americans on allergy treatments.

Oddly enough, many substances that are quite harmless to most people can cause allergic reactions in sensitive people. These substances include pollen from plants, dust, mold, foods and skin particles from animals.

Although there is no cure for allergies, there are any number of ways to fight them. The following steps, suggested by Jansen Pharmaceutical in "Tips For Allergy Sufferers," can minimize your exposure to the irritants:

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- If allergic to pets, avoid these animals when visiting friends.
- Try to keep the humidity in your home between 35 percent and 50

percent.

Most people treat allergies by purchasing over the counter medications or by using medications prescribed by a doctor. Severe situations may require injections. Avoidance is the simplest method - if the allergen is known the sufferer can try to avoid it.

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## Doctors, patients bone up on cancer treatment

Facing cancer is hard enough. But facing the fact that part of your cancer has broken loose and invaded your bones — once seen as a guarantee of an imminent and painful death — is even harder.

Now, patients at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center have a new team of allies when confronting bone cancer that has spread, or metastasized, from their original tumors.

A group of physicians from many specialties has banded together to start an innovative Bones Metastases Clinic, allowing them to choose the best treatment for each individual from a range of new pain-alleviating and even life-saving options.

The cooperative approach — unique in the nation — gives patients

a much better chance of surviving or living comfortably with their secondary cancer, says clinic head and Director of Orthopaedic Oncology J. Sybil Biermann, M.D. Bone cancer no longer automatically carries the weight of a death sentence.

"There used to be a very limited number of treatments available for bone metastases — patients could either have surgery or they could have radiation, and there wasn't really much else," Biermann explains. "In the last few years, a number of medications and other therapies have been developed that can be used very effectively for bone metastasis. In fact, this has presented a fairly confusing array of alternatives for both patients and the physicians who manage their care."

So, Biermann and her colleagues decided to help metastatic bone cancer patients sort through the confusion by reviewing each case together and recommending which treatments to pursue, from surgery and chemotherapy to radiation and radioactive drugs. Patients can even elect to try brand-new treatments by participating in clinical trials offered at the clinic — including tests of treatments being developed at the U-M.

With an estimated 500,000 Americans living with bone metastases, and 190,000 more being diagnosed each year, the clinic's concept may become a model for hospitals nationwide.

Bone cancer arises when cancerous cells from the main tumor break off and travel through the blood-

stream or lymphatic system. When they lodge in the bone, the cells can take root in the welcoming environment and begin to multiply.

As the new tumor or lesion grows, it can press on nearby nerves, causing pain and swelling. It also can weaken the bone, increasing the risk of fractures, and cause too much calcium to enter the bloodstream, a condition called hypercalcemia.

The American Cancer Society estimates that half of all cancer patients, except those with skin cancer, will develop metastatic bone cancer. Most common are metastases that spread to the bone from breast, prostate, lung and kidney cancers — with the spine, pelvis, hip and upper leg bones being the most likely sites.

"As cancer treatments become in general more effective, patients are living longer and longer with cancer," Biermann comments. "It also means that a substantial part of the population actually has metastasis of the bone, and those patients are needing treatment as well."

The U-M clinic gives such patients easy access to a diverse range of specialists, all in one visit. For those who must rely on others to transport them to medical appointments, the "one-stop shopping" approach makes a world of difference.

Biermann also hopes the clinic will help clear up some of the popular ideas about metastatic bone cancer that have become untrue in recent years as medicine has advanced.

### Facts about metastatic bone cancer

- Metastatic bone cancer is not the same as the much less common primary bone cancer, in which bone cells themselves become cancerous.

- The American Cancer Society estimates that half of cancer patients, except those with skin cancer, will develop metastatic bone cancer.

"A common misconception is that patients with bone metastasis are in the very terminal phases of their disease. While it's always a more serious situation when a cancer has spread from one place to another, with contemporary cancer treatment patients can be alive with metastasis for years or even decades," she explains.

As for the idea that bone cancer means excruciating pain, crippling bone weakness or constant sedation, she adds, "With new treatments we can stabilize the bones, we can strengthen the bones, and we can allow patients to get out and do the things that they want to do with less pain and with more mobility."

Learn more on the Web:

U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center - <http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu>

For more information via phone, call TeleCare at 1-800-742-2300 category 1010.

## GHS students fare well at Foreign Language Day

Students and teams from seven area high schools received prizes during Saginaw Valley State University's 24th annual Foreign Language Day competition November 9. The theme for the day was "Connect with Other Cultures: Learn a Foreign Language."

In team competition, Caro High School took first place in the Skits/Musicals contest (*The Condemnation of Joan of Arc* in French) and second place in the Cheerleading contest (Spanish) and the Song contest (French). Bay City John Glenn took first place (Spanish) and honorable mention

(French) in the Song contests, first in Cheerleading contest (Spanish) and second in Skits/Musicals (*Phantom of the Opera* in French).

In the Dance competition, Carrollton took first (Spanish), Owendale-Gagetown was second (French) and Grayling received honorable mention (Spanish). Standish-Sterling received honorable mention in the Cheerleading contest (French) and Tawas was named honorable mention in the Skits/Musicals competition (*Husbands and Wives* in Spanish).

Caro dominated the Poster contest category, receiving five of the six places awarded. In first place, Caro's Matt Franklin (French) tied with Grayling's Bethanie Black (Spanish). In second place, Caro's

Lorna Loo (German) and Jessie Shannon (French) tied. Honorable mention went to Caro's Kendra Patton and Kristen Stein (French) and Amy Vandebossche (French).

In the Display competition, Jessica Kay Abfalter of Grayling was first (Spanish). There was a second place tie with French teams from Carrollton ("Language: The Missing Piece") and Caro ("Chateau de Cultures"). Honorable mention went to Kendall Kretschmer (French) from Owendale-Gagetown.

For additional information on SVSU's annual Foreign Language Day competition for high school students, contact SVSU's Department of Modern Foreign Languages at (517) 790-4303.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: Success comes in cans ... failures in cans.

Things that are happening at the center:

December 1 - Hearing Clinic, by appointment; Wendy's Bingo

December 2 - Lucky 7 trip, 9:30 a.m.

December 3 - Pantry Bingo, 1 p.m.

December 5 - Sunday Brunch

December 6 - Hangman, 5:30 p.m.

December 7 - Ellie Mae's Western Dance, 5:30 p.m.

December 8 - Commodities at Eagles, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Birthday dinner; RSVP White Elephant auction.

December 9 - Blood Pressures, 11 a.m. - noon; Foot Clinic by appointment.

December 10 - Frederic Satellite; Pantry Bingo, 1 p.m.

December 14 - Osteoporosis Seminar, 5:30 p.m.

Meals are available at noon, Monday through Friday and at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500.

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3 - Spanish Rice with Ground Beef/no dinner

6 - Goulash/Wiener Schnitzel

7 - Sweet and Sour Meatballs/Chicken Kiev

8 - Mac and Cheese/Swiss Steak

9 - Beef Roast/Hawaiian Ham with Rice

10 - Herbed Chicken/no dinner.

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Immunization Clinics: December 1 and 15; December 3 - flu clinic, p.m. only.

Family Planning: December 2 and 7.

Premarital Class: December 2 at 1 p.m. and December 15 at 5 p.m.

Optional/Confidential HIV/AIDS testing: December 8 (a.m.) and December 22 (p.m.).

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and

children: December 13, 16 and 23.

WIC - Frederic Satellite Clinic: Call for information.

Maternal Support Service for Pregnant Women: Call for information

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings: December 2 - Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment.

This program is available to women ages 40 - 64, who have no health insurance.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training Session: Conducted in Cadillac Office

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## Scouts earn recognition from City



(Above) Mayor Marilyn Palmer, on behalf of the City of Grayling, presents a framed certificate to members of the Tiger Cub Scouts (6 and 7 year olds), who recently raked the city park playground to earn their "Helping Others" badges. Pictured, with Palmer (right) are scout leaders Joni and Mike Dunckel and scouts (left to right) Matt Dunckel, Max Murray, Brent Steffey, Joshua Amesbury, Cory Kiessl, Zach Randall. Not pictured: Phillip Hagle, Jeff Burnell. (Below) Mayor Palmer presents Grayling scout Matt Evon with a certificate for his Eagle Scout Badge project, which involved putting in a mini-park on the triangle-shaped piece of city land on Michigan Avenue across from Mercy Hospital. Palmer commended the scouts for their work in helping to beautify the city.

Photos by Linda Golnick



## VISIT DOWNTOWN GRAYLING FRIDAY NIGHT

### THE STORY OF ST. NICK'S VISIT ON DECEMBER 3rd

On St. Nick's night in Germany, as the legend goes, the children set their shoes outside their bedroom door when they go to bed on December 3.

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If the boys and girls have been good, St. Nick leaves candy, fruit or a small toy for them; however, if they have been naughty, they will find stones in their shoes.

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# B SECTION SPORTS & RECREATION

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Thursday, December 2, 1999

## Grayling's Christmas Home Tour

### ► Five area homes to be open for tours on Dec. 5, Admission Passport required

The annual Christmas Home Tour, sponsored by the Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA), will again feature five area homes. The tour will be held on Sunday, December 5, from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

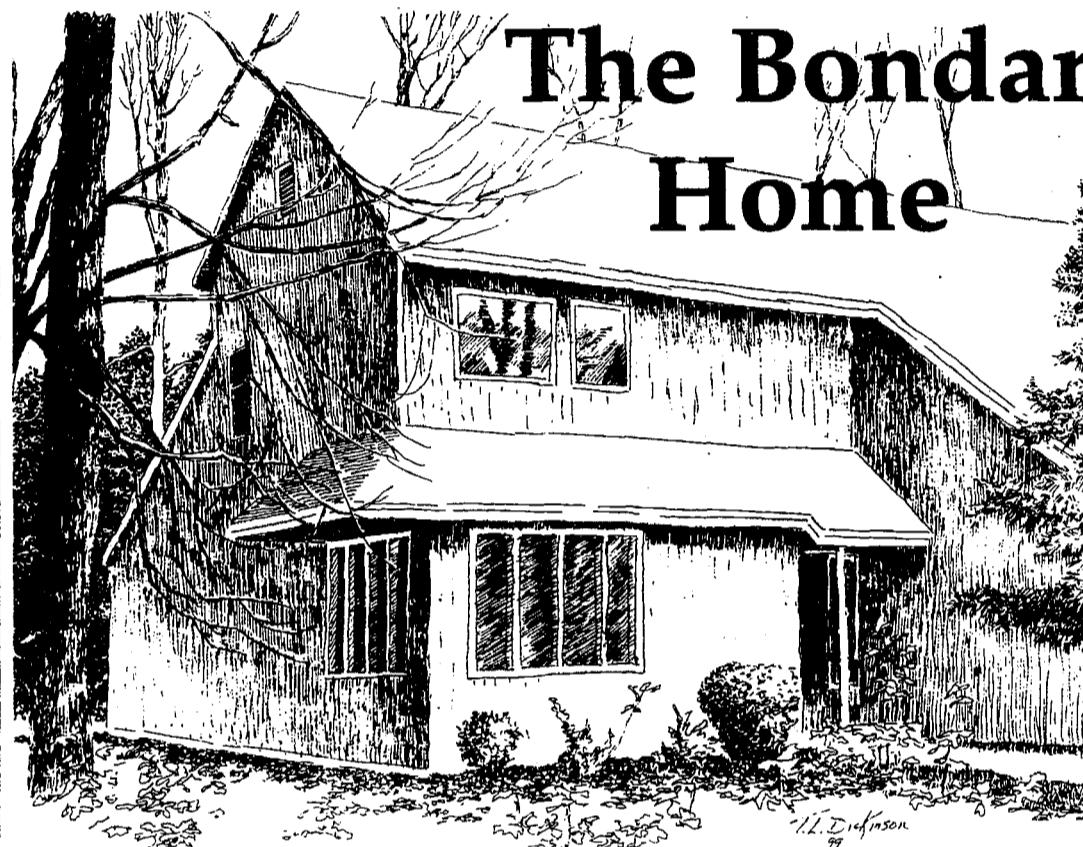
Included in this year's tour are: the Bondar home, which faces both Lake Margrethe and acres of unspoiled woods; Borchers AuSable Canoe Livery, owned by Mark and Cheri Hunter; Dale and Eileen Papendick's country-style home; the completely remodeled, century old Nelson Dairy Farm house, owned by Gary and Mary Davis; and the Lucky Fox Lodge, designed and built by Gary and Denae Fox.

An admission passport is required to participate in the home tour.

Passports can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce, J. Dap Co., Spikes Keg O' Nails, Framing by Paula, Flowers by Josie, Riverland Gear, and the Ice House Quilt Shop.

For those who want to hit each house on the tour via prearranged Dial-A-Ride service, busses will be leaving from Shoppenagon's Inn at 2 p.m. on December 5. This service will cost \$1.

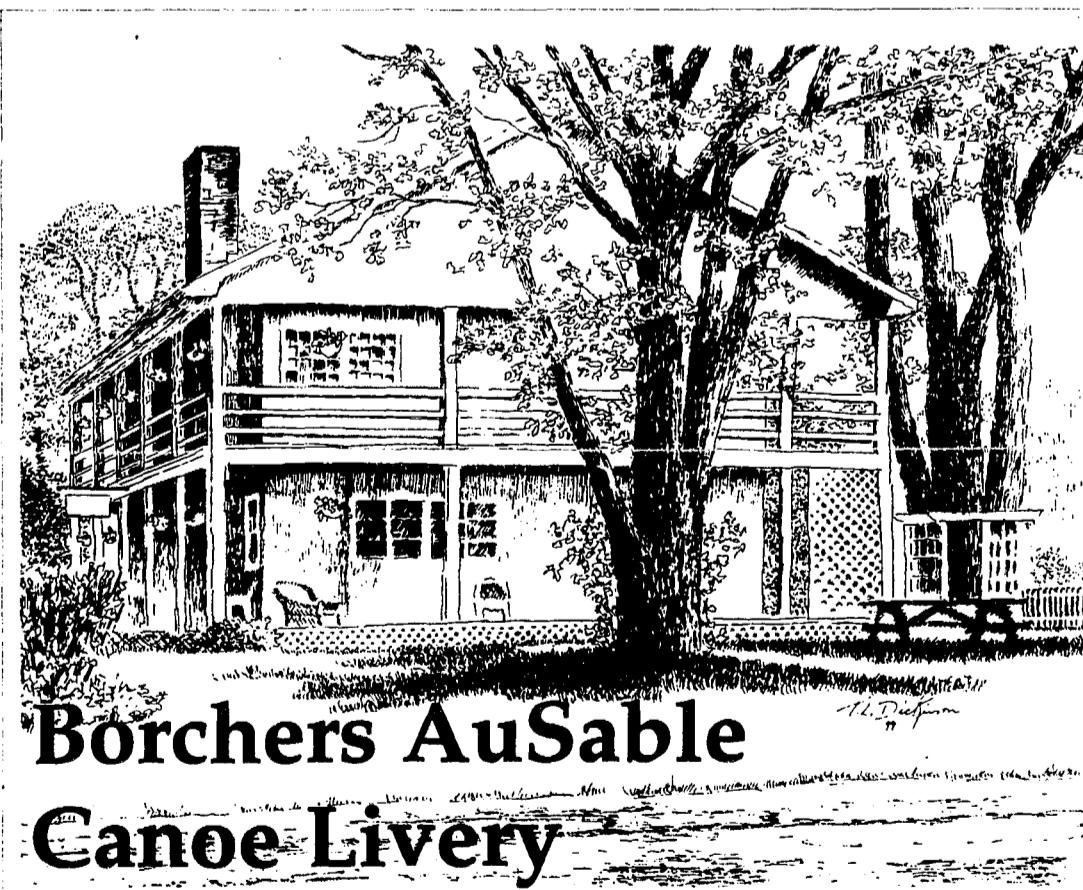
Proceeds from the tour will be used by GUDA for downtown street beautification.



**The Bondar Home - Debbie, Lexi & Jacob Bondar**

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**Borchers AuSable Canoe Livery**

**Borchers AuSable Canoe Livery - Mark & Cheri Hunter**

Borchers AuSable Canoe Livery was established in 1932 by Ernie and Florence Borchers. After Ernie passed away, Mrs. Borchers' daughter and her family would come in the summer to help with canoes, and the current living room was added on as sleeping quarters to accommodate them. In the early 1960's, the Trudgeon family purchased the livery. The Trudgeons have a large family, nine children in all, and added the upstairs for much needed bedroom space. The Kellogg family bought the business in 1988 and decided a bed and breakfast would complement the canoe business.

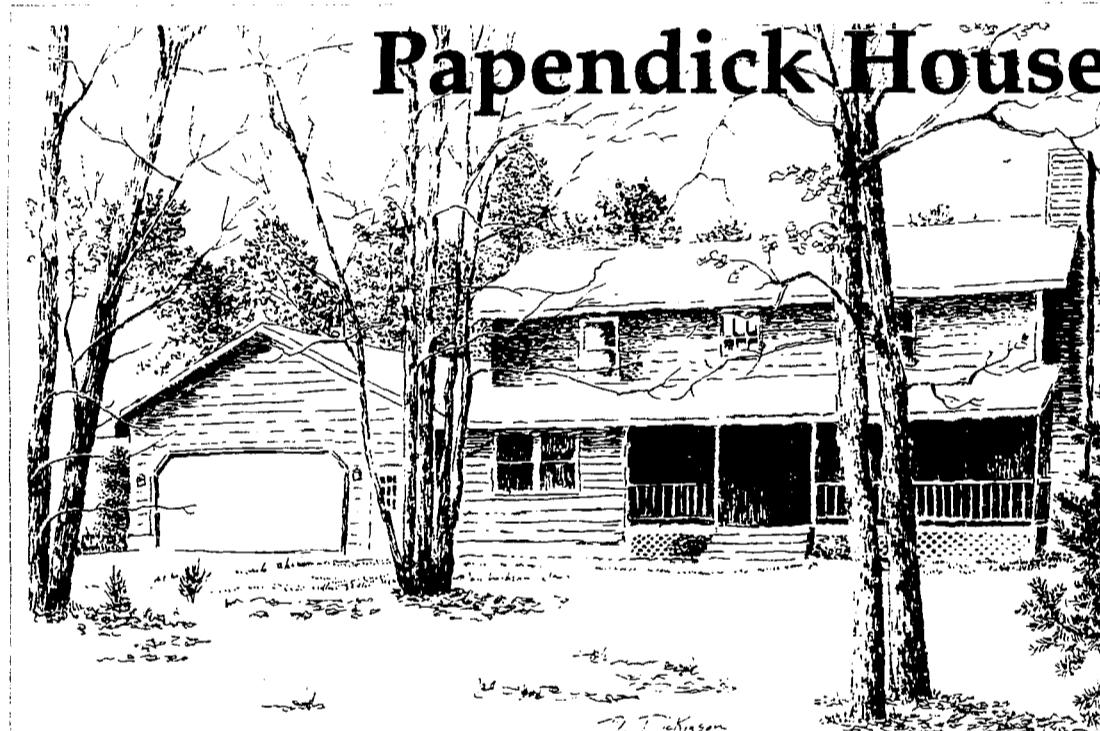
Current owners Mark and Cheri Hunter purchased the livery in 1991. They have made many changes to the house over the years, including the remodeling of the boat house, which was used years ago to store wood and canvas canoes.



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• 7 & 9 nightly • Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4

**The Music Of My Heart - PG (92)**  
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## 1999 Christmas Walk moments



(Top) Donner came for a visit all the way from the North Pole Express Reindeer Ranch; (Left) Marie Woehrle came from Berkley to demonstrate the art of china painting at Flowers by Josie; and (Right) Ken Crouse set up shop at Shoppenagon's Inn to create Christmas caricatures.

Photos by Cheryl Riley



(Above) The GPA choir filled the air with carols everywhere they went. (Left) Ice sculptor Roscoe Clark embellished the holiday atmosphere in town with several of his frozen works of art. The sculpting drew quite a bit of interest.



(Above) Five-year old Abby Hatfield, a student at Calvary Baptist Academy, spends a moment with Santa at Shoppenagon's Inn.



Year 2000 Grayling Junior Miss contestants were busy selling baked goods, singing Christmas carols, and smiling, smiling, smiling! From left: Monique Fagan, Miranda Ellis, Joyce Thomas, Tabitha Harney, Arica Wolcott, Danielle Niederer, Jayme Potter.

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# GHS soccer team holds awards banquet

► Seven Vikings earn All-Conference honors, Langseth named All-Region

**A**t the GHS soccer team's recent awards banquet, several post-season team awards were announced, as well as a few higher honors.

Forward Kyle Langseth, a junior, was named to the All-Conference 1st team, the All-District Team, and the All-Region Team.

Kane Madsen was also named to the All-District Team.

Grayling garnered several other spots on the All-Conference honors list, including: 2nd team -- Josh Brannan, Mike Pappas, Josh Petrie; Honorable Mention -- Derek Gregorich, Dan Mead, Justin Fenn Viking team awards for this year

included:  
MVP -- Kane Madsen, Kyle Langseth, Josh Petrie  
Leadership Award -- Josh Brannan  
Coaches Award -- Mike Pappas, Derek Gregorich, Alex Letiuchev, Justin Fenn

Most Improved -- Dan Mead, Justin Fenn, James Kenney, James Lawrence

110% Award -- Kane Madsen, Josh Brannan, Eric Hunter

Rookie of the Year -- Dan Mead  
Spirit Award -- Per Lampinen, Ryan Mirate, Matt Lorenson, Josh Jurkovich, Justin Fisette

The Vikings finished third in the North East Michigan Conference this year, tied with Saginaw Valley Lutheran at 9-4-1 in conference play.

Tawas posted a 13-1 record in the NEMC, and Oscoda finished at 12-2 in the conference. GHS won the conference last year.



Kyle Langseth, All-Region, All-District, All-NEMC



Kane Madsen, All-District



Josh Petrie, All-NEMC 2nd team



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ACC301	Intermediate Accounting I	Mon.	6:9:25
ACC401	Advanced Accounting I	Mon.	6:9:25
COM312	Organizational Communications	Mon.	6:9:25
FIN340	Corporate Finance	Mon.	6:9:25
MTH136	Fundamentals of College Math	Mon.	6:9:25
ACC331	Taxation II	Tues.	6:9:25
CIS101*	Computer Info. Processing	Tues.	6:9:25
MGT441	Diversity in the Workplace	Tues.	6:9:25
SOC360	Work, Life and Soul	Tues.	6:9:25
COM122	College Writing II	Wed.	6:9:25
MGT331	Small Business Management	Wed.	6:9:25
MKT301	Principles of Marketing	Wed.	6:9:25
MKT356	Marketing Communications	Wed.	6:9:25
COM212	Introduction to Speech	Thurs.	6:9:25
ECO201	Macroeconomics	Thurs.	6:9:25
MGT400	Leadership	Thurs.	6:9:25
ACC235*	Accounting Applications/Microcomputer (5wks)	Thurs.	6:9:25
ACC236*	Payroll Applications/Microcomputer (5wks-Begins Feb. 17)	Thurs.	6:9:25

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## GRAYLING YOUTH BOWLING



► League's annual turkey shoot yields eight bird winners

Members of the Grayling Youth Bowling League competed for turkeys on November 13, with Thanksgiving birds being awarded to those bowlers shooting highest over average on each lane.

The turkeys, which were provided to the Youth Bowling League at cost by Rochettes IGA, were awarded to the winning bowlers the following Saturday (November 20).

This year's turkey winners were:

### Army League

Kyle Roman, 110 average, bowled 103 pins over average; Jenny King, 106 average, bowled 33 pins over; Glenn Cousins, 123 average, bowled 72 pins over; Travis LaMotte, 137 average, bowled 110 pins over

### Navy League

Ashley Marculewicz, 48 average, bowled 41 pins over average; Jack Hagerman, 98 average, bowled 55 pins over; Eric Persing, 66 average, bowled 70 pins over; William Coe, 78 average, bowled 55 pins over

Grayling Youth Bowling standings:

### Army

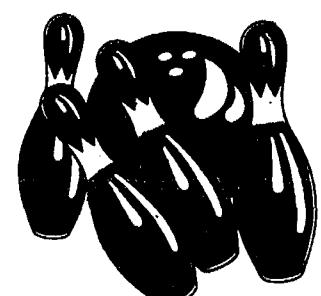
Strike Force	16 - 8
Snipers	15 - 9
Peace Keepers	14.5 - 9.5
Reserves	12 - 12
G.I.'s	12 - 12
Gunners	10.5 - 13.5
Equalizers	9 - 15
Green Berets	7 - 17
High Scratch Game: Male - M. Thomas; 196; Female - J. King, 148.	
High Scratch Series: Male - M. Thomas, 531; Female - K. Davis 387.	

Most Pins over Average: Male - T. LaMotte, 58; Female - A. Adair, 48.

Most Pins over Series: Male - T. LaMotte, 110; Female - J. King, 33.

### Navy

Submariners	20 - 1
Merchant Marines	16 - 5
Seabees	12 - 9
Captains	10 - 11
Destroyers	8 - 13
Seals	7 - 14
Anchors	6 - 15
Sailors	5 - 16
High Scratch Game: Male - J. Hagerman, 142; Female - S. Wilkerson, 108.	
High Scratch Series: Male - J. Hagerman, 251; Female - S. Wilkerson, 188.	
Most Pins over Average: Male - E. Persing, 44; J. Hagermann, 44; Female - A. Lester, 29.	
Most Pins over Series: Male - S. Reichelderfer, 19; A. Lester, 17.	



This year's turkey shoot winners from the GYB Army League were: (left to right) Kyle Roman, Travis LaMotte, Glenn Cousins, and Jenny King.



Navy League bowlers who won turkeys by shooting highest over average on November 13 were: (left to right) Eric Persing, Jack Hagerman, William Coe, and Ashley Marculewicz.

## POOL LEAGUE

► Pool League Standings

### Women's Standings

Sawmill II	74
Frederic Inn	68
Spikes	60
Plaza	57
Swamp	51
Legion	45
Sawmill I	41
5 Ball Runs: Vickie P. Siss I. Michelle. S. (2); 6 Ball Run: Mary Jane Y.; Won all Six Games: Vickie and Rene of Spikes	

### Men's Standings

Legion	68 - 58
Plaza	67 - 59
Saw Mill	67 - 59
Margretheville I	65 - 43
Frederic Inn	62 - 64
Gray Rock	55 - 71
Margretheville II	48 - 78
7 Ball Run: Roger of Margretheville II; Al of Legion; Carl of Frederic Inn.; 6 Ball Run: Jason of Margretheville II; Scott of Legion (2)	



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## BOWLING LEAGUE

American Men's	
CSI Ind Sys	49- 28
Stake-Out Steak House	46- 31
McLean's ACE	41- 36
Forrest Bros.	40- 37
Helsel Forest Products	36.5- 40.5
Moores Automotive	35.5- 41.5
Fentons Auto	34- 43
Upper Lakes Tire	26- 51
High Game:	D. Canfield, 244; P. Faustman, 220; G. Fenton, 220.
High Series:	D. Canfield, 606; J. Golnick, 586; S. Peterson, 582.
Friday Mixed Doubles	
Aunt Betty's	28- 20
Sledheads of Frederic	27- 21
Charlie's Country Corner	27- 21
Moshier Auto Repair	25- 23
R. Calkins & Sons	22- 26
Fick & Sons	15- 33
High Game Men:	C. Hanson, 214; R. Moshier, 191; D. Wallace, 187.
High Series Men:	C. Hanson, 581; R. Moshier, 532; M. Sumner, 494.
High Game Women:	K. Moshier, 209; S. Sumner, 190; M. Moshier, 182.
High Series Women:	S. Sumner, 547; K. Moshier, 517; D. Medina, 463.
Northwood	
Rochettes	30- 18
American Legion	27- 21
Red Barn	25.5- 22.5
Shady Acres Party Store	24.5- 23.5
Darrell's Roofing	24.5- 23.5
R & M Masonry	23.5- 24.5
Pro Tree	21- 27
R. Calkins & Sons	16- 32
High Game:	K. Moshier, 197; N. Glasslee, 187; J. Hinds, 185.
High Series:	K. Moshier, 540; L. Dannenberg, 514; K. VanNuck, 514.
Pioneer	
Chemical Bank	33- 11
Millikins	29- 15
Custom Interior	24.5- 19.5
Aunt Betty's	21- 23
Lady Slippers	21- 23
Ginger's	20.5- 23.5
Avalanche	14.5- 29.5

## LEGAL ACTION

### SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting November 10, 1999

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Janice Annis, Tom Hall, Monica Ashton, Ruth O'Mara, Terry Wright

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dean Worden, Tim Coe, Dale French, Lockey Hollingsworth

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to approve minutes of October 13, 1999 regular meeting as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for October was read and placed on file.

Correspondence: (No action required) E-911 Activities Report 10-99; Chamber News, 11-99, AuSable School Board District Happenings 9/20/99 and 10/18/99 on file, Grayling Township Patrol Officer's Report 10/1 to 10/31/99, Grayling Township Recycling Center Report for October 1999, Building and Zoning Dept. Monthly Report.

There were no citizens who wished to speak.

Business:

1. Motion by Hall, second by Annis, to replace the Fred Pryor Microsoft Office off-site seminar for staff and employees, approved in October, with an on-site, hands-on, Microsoft Office seminar to be scheduled when meeting room is completed. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by Ashton, second by Hall, to accept the 10/26/99 opinion of the Grayling Township Planning Commission, as requested by this Board 10/13/99, and approve the split of lot 23 of Red Wing Terrace, Section 33, T27N, R3W, as it meets the current requirements of Grayling Township ordinance #10 (Dec. 23, 1971). All ayes, motion carried.

It was the opinion of the Planning Commission that the question of creating non-conformity within the subdivision should be addressed through review and revi-

sion of Ordinance #10. The question that the subdivision restrictions allow only one dwelling per lot is a civil matter concerning property owners within the subdivision and is not within the jurisdiction of Grayling Township.

3. Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, to authorize Supervisor to draft a contract commissioning local artist, Dean Worden, to paint a scenic mural of native flora and fauna on the approximately 14' x 20' east wall of the conference room addition of the Township Hall. Historical and traditional images and activities may be included and special environmental characteristics are desirable. Project to be completed over the 9/9/2000 winter months at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to approve splitting the north 25 feet off Lots 36, 37, 38 and 39 of Block 1, Portage Lake Park, 2nd Addition and adding the 25' x 100' split to Lots 31 and 32 of Blk 1, Portage Lake Park, 2nd Addition to correct ownership of a septic system. Split is in accordance with Lot Split Ordinance #10 and will not create additional non-conformity. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to authorize Township Board members, department heads, or an employee representative of the department to attend the Michigan Townships Association Annual Educational Conference in Lansing, MI, January 17-21, 2000. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, that the request from Camp Grayling Historical Society of Camp Grayling, MI, County of Crawford, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a gaming license or registration be considered for approval by the State of Michigan Charitable Gaming Division. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Renaissance Sub-zone application update: On October 4, 1999, the Chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners contacted members of the Grayling Township Board to request a modification of the legal description of the proposed Grayling Township Renaissance Sub-zone to exclude approximately 240 acres of Planned Commercial District property from the application. A reluctant consensus of approval was given to make that modification.

Supervisor's Report:

7. Renaissance Sub-zone application update: On October 4, 1999, the Chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners contacted members of the Grayling Township Board to request a modification of the legal description of the proposed Grayling Township Renaissance Sub-zone to exclude approximately 240 acres of Planned Commercial District property from the application. A reluctant consensus of approval was given to make that modification.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3240(8), unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 15, 1999

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## Grayling native discovers the marathon spirit

Janice Trudgeon of East Lansing ran in her first marathon in Chicago on October 24, covering 26 miles and 385 yards.

Trudgeon was well trained for the LaSalle Banks Chicago Marathon. The 43-year old Grayling native, who works as an administrative manager for Health Management Associates, was inspired to start running seven years ago by her sister Carrie.

Trudgeon used the Hal Higdon marathon training plan based on alternate hard and easy weeks, with progressively longer weekend runs. Even though Trudgeon had trained well, the race was a major struggle.

With a starting mob of 29,000, it took 21 minutes to complete the first mile. "I was telling myself to just relax; you're not going to be able to get your pace until a few miles into the race," she said.

"I did the first nine miles at a 10-minute pace. Then the endorphin must have kicked in. At the halfway point, I was really getting into a groove. I ran the next four miles at a 7:50 pace and was

thinking that I could run this pace forever.

"Then, about a mile later, I started to feel like things were beginning to come apart. Aches turned into pains. The wall was building, and by 20 miles it was built. At that point, I was ready to stop."

In spite of the pain, Trudgeon got through the race by focusing on each subsequent mile, not on the total distance to the finish.

With a time of 4:07:52, and her kids cheering her on, Trudgeon burst into tears at the end.

"When I saw the finish, I was so happy it was over," she said. "I knew I was going to do it. I'm not trying to blow my own horn, but I think it was an amazing feat because it was really hard."

Trudgeon's goal now is to break 3:50 for a Boston qualifier at the Bayshore Marathon.

The preceding article is an excerpt from an article published in the November 2 issue of the Lansing State Journal, written by Dick Miles, entitled "Area women discover spirit of marathons."

## MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Game #1 Holiday Inn 80 -	Sawmill . . . . . 1 - 0
Charlies Plumbing & Heating 53	Spikes . . . . . 1 - 0
Holiday Inn - Hinkle 27, Jay	Holiday Inn . . . . . 1 - 0
Mertes 15, Hamlin 10.	Thermogas . . . . . 0 - 1
Charlies - Ed Baynham 21.	Glen's Market . . . . . 0 - 1
Game #2 Spikes 59 -	Charlie's Plumbing . . . . . 0 - 1
Margretheville 56	Margretheville . . . . . 0 - 1
Spikes - Krey 25, Potter 15, Jim	
Gardiner 11	
Margretheville - Trenary 16,	
Ruddy 12, Hull 11.	
Standings	
Lange Vending . . . . . 1 - 0	

The men's league plays two games on Wednesday, December 1 beginning at 8:30 p.m. There will also be two games played December 2, beginning at 7 p.m.

Page 5B -- AVALANCHE -- Thursday, December 2, 1999

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Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

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in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 16, Crawford County Records.

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Dated: November 24, 1999

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## NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

Due to a schedule conflict regarding a Task Force meeting, the Road Commission for Crawford County will be holding the regular Board meeting on December 8, 1999, rather than the previously scheduled December 9, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. at their office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling Housing Commission will be holding two public hearings on its Agency Plan. This Plan consists of two parts. The Annual Plan is a compilation of the Housing Commission's functional policies. The main policy is the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy. The Five-Year Plan is a guide for Housing Commission activities in the future.

As these plans are constructed, the Housing Commission must allow public review of these policies and allow for comment. Therefore, as of November 1st, 1999, the Agency Plan and its constituent plans will be available for public review at the Housing Commission's Office, located at 308 Lawndale Drive. Before its regular scheduled meetings, on November 9th and December 14th, the Housing Commission will hold public hearings at 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in order to receive any public comments on the plans.

Guy Quigley  
Executive Director

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**Grayling Vikings 7th Grade Boys Basketball**

Day	Date	Opponent	Event	Bus
			H/A	Time
Monday	December 13, 1999	West Branch Surline	A	5:00 3:30
Wednesday	December 15, 1999	Houghton Lake	A	5:00 3:45
Monday	December 20, 1999	West Branch Surline	H	5:00
Wednesday	January 5, 2000	Roscommon	H	5:00
Monday	January 10, 2000	Kalkaska	H	5:00
Wednesday	January 12, 2000	Gaylord	A	5:00 4:00
Monday	January 17, 2000	Houghton Lake	A	5:00 4:30
Saturday	January 22, 2000	Kalkaska Invitational - JV Only	A	8:00 7:00
Monday	January 24, 2000	Charlevoix & Petoskey - JV Only	H	6:00
Monday	January 24, 2000	Charlevoix & Petoskey - FR. Only	A	6:00 4:00
Wednesday	January 26, 2000	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	6:15
Monday	January 31, 2000	Gladwin	A	6:15 4:30
Wednesday	February 2, 2000	Tawas	H	6:15
Monday	February 7, 2000	Pinconning	A	6:15 4:30
Wednesday	February 9, 2000	Oscoda	A	6:15 3:45
Thursday	February 17, 2000	Standish Sterling	A	6:15 4:30
Monday	February 21, 2000	Gaylord	H	6:00
Monday	February 28, 2000	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	A	6:15 3:30

**Grayling Vikings Varsity Skiing**

Day	Date	Opponent	Event	Bus
			H/A	Time
Wednesday	December 22, 1999	Scrimmage @ Tree Tops	A	TBA
Tuesday	January 4, 2000	Clare	A	3:00 1:00
Thursday	January 6, 2000	Harrison & Farewell	H	3:00 1:00
Monday	January 10, 2000	Crystal Mtn.	A	5:30 1:30
Tuesday	January 18, 2000	Roscommon & Farwell @ Silver Ridge	A	3:00 12:45
Wednesday	January 19, 2000	Belaire @ Schuss Mtn.	A	5:30 3:30
Thursday	January 20, 2000	League Make-Up Date	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	January 26, 2000	Gaylord @ Tree Tops	A	1:00 10:30
Thursday	January 27, 2000	Harrison & Mt. Pleasant @ Silver Ridge	A	3:00 12:45
Monday	January 31, 2000	Boyne Mtn. Invitational	A	10:00 7:30
Tuesday	February 1, 2000	League Make-Up Date	TBA	TBA
Thursday	February 3, 2000	Burger King Invitational	H	3:00 1:00
Friday	February 4, 2000	Mt. Pleasant Invitational	A	11:00 8:45
Saturday	February 5, 2000	Flushing Invitational @ Tree Tops	A	9:30 7:00
Monday	February 7, 2000	Crystal Mtn.	A	10:00 8:00
Tuesday	February 8, 2000	League Make-Up Date	TBA	TBA
Thursday	February 10, 2000	Mt. Pleasant & Roscommon @ Hanson Hills	A	3:00 1:45
Thursday	February 17, 2000	Regionals	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	February 22, 2000	Conference Meet @ Tree Tops	A	1:00 10:00
Monday	February 28, 2000	State Finals	A	TBA

\*\* Underline denotes site of away meet\*\*

**Grayling Vikings Freshman Boys Basketball**

Day	Date	Opponent	Event	Bus
			H/A	Time
Wednesday	December 8, 1999	Roscommon	H	6:00
Monday	December 13, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	6:15 4:30
Thursday	December 16, 1999	Gladwin	A	6:30
Monday	December 20, 1999	Gaylord	H	6:15 4:15
Monday	January 3, 2000	Tawas	H	6:15
Thursday	January 6, 2000	Pinconning	A	6:15 4:15
Monday	January 10, 2000	Oscoda	H	6:15
Monday	January 13, 2000	Bay City John Glenn	A	6:15 4:00
Thursday	January 17, 2000	Standish Sterling	H	6:15
Monday	January 20, 2000	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	H	6:15
Monday	January 24, 2000	Gaylord	A	6:30 5:15
Monday	January 27, 2000	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	6:15 4:30
Monday	January 31, 2000	Gladwin	H	6:15
Thursday	February 3, 2000	Tawas	A	6:15 4:00
Monday	February 7, 2000	Pinconning	H	6:15 3:45
Thursday	February 10, 2000	Oscoda	A	6:15 3:45
Monday	February 14, 2000	Bay City John Glenn	H	6:15
Thursday	February 17, 2000	Standish Sterling	A	6:15 4:45
Monday	February 21, 2000	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	A	6:15 3:45

**Grayling Vikings Varsity Volleyball**

Day	Date	Opponent	Event	Bus
			H/A	Time
Saturday	December 11, 1999	Roscommon Invitational	A	9:00 7:45
Wednesday	December 15, 1999	Gladwin	A	6:15 4:30
Saturday	December 18, 1999	Lake City Invitational	A	8:30 7:00
Wednesday	January 5, 2000	Pinconning	H	6:15
Saturday	January 8, 2000	Petoskey Invitational	A	9:00 7:00
Wednesday	January 12, 2000	Bay City John Glenn	H	6:15
Saturday	January 15, 2000	Gaylord Invitational	A	8:30 7:00
Monday	January 24, 2000	Petoskey & Charlevoix	H	6:00
Wednesday	January 26, 2000	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	6:15
Wednesday	February 2, 2000	Tawas	H	6:15
Saturday	February 5, 2000	Rogers City	A	9:00 6:30
Wednesday	February 9, 2000	Oscoda	A	6:15 3:45
Saturday	February 12, 2000	Subway Invitational	H	9:00
Thursday	February 17, 2000	Standish Sterling	A	6:15 4:30
Saturday	February 19, 2000	NEMC Conference @ Gladwin	A	TBA TBA
Monday	February 21, 2000	Gaylord	H	6:00
Monday	February 28, 2000	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	A	6:15 3:30
Saturday	March 4, 2000	Districts	TBA	TBA
Saturday	March 11, 2000	Regionals	TBA	TBA

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**PLEASE NOTE: Advertiser MUST be written in next to team or slip will be VOID!!**

"Monday's game has been deemed a 'freebie' due to the early publication of the paper and the inavailability of game scores at press time.

Winner	Advertiser	Winner	Advertiser	Winner	Advertiser
Game 1		Game 8		Game 15	
Game 2		Game 9		Game 16	
Game 3		Game 10		Game 17	
Game 4		Game 11		Game 18	
Game 5		Game 12		Game 19	
Game 6		Game 13		Game 20	
Game 7		Game 14		Tiebreaker 3 game #20	
Tiebreaker 1 game #1		Tiebreaker 2 game #9			

**Avalanche Football contest Official Rules**

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

**WEEKLY PRIZES**

- Sports Cap--Scheer Motors
- Mystery Gift--Sylvester's
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Grayling Glen's
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Abel Auto Parts
- FREE 20lb. Propane Cylinder-Fill-Up--Fick & Sons
- \$50 Gift Cert. --Continental Rental & Sales
- One free lunch, a \$8.95 value --Grayling Holiday Inn
  - Free lube, oil and filter
  - Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc
  - \$50--Crawford County Avalanche
  - \$10 Gift Cert.--Riverland Gear
  - \$5 Gift Cert. good on a 10" or 14" pizza
    - Buccilli's Pizza
  - \$25 Gift Cert.--Comfort Center
  - One House Specialty Burrito, a \$6.95 value
    - Gray Rock
  - Free Single Combo Meal --Wendy's
  - 3 FREE Games --American Legion

**Week #12 Winning Games**

- |                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Buffalo (24)   | 11. Kansas City        |
| 2. Minnesota      | 12. Carolina           |
| 3. Washington     | 13. Green Bay (Mon.)   |
| 4. Arizona        | 14. Tennessee          |
| 5. Cincinnati     | 15. Oklahoma           |
| 6. Jacksonville   | 16. Miami (Fla.)       |
| 7. Tennessee      | 17. Arizona State      |
| 8. St. Louis      | 18. San Diego State    |
| 9. Tampa Bay (19) | 19. Stanford           |
| 10. Indianapolis  | 20. Georgia Tech. (99) |

**Week #12**

**Football Contest**

**Winner**

**Wayne Davis**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

- Won with 18 correct
- 111 Entries

1.) Washington vs Detroit

**3 Stores in One!**



122 Mich. Ave. • Grayling  
517-344-0047

6.) San Francisco vs Cincinnati



Ask me about the new 2000  
cars, trucks and vans or  
close-out specials on all  
remaining 1999 models!

**DON NESTER**

CHEVROLET Oldsmobile  
Located on M-76 N., Roscommon  
1-517-275-5105

11.) Seattle vs Oakland

**ABEL AUTO PARTS**

- New & Used Parts Available • We Buy Wrecked Vehicles
- Best Prices In The North! • Late Model Repairables
- Country Wide Locator Service Available
- Lowest Prices On Gas Tanks & Radiators

Open Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm  
Located at 8255 Old 27 North, Frederic  
517-348-2864 - 1-800-848-4507 - Larry Myas

2.) Indianapolis vs Miami

**BIG SCREEN TV**

- Drink Specials
- Munchie Bar

**Gray-Rock CAFE**

**Food & Spirits**

OPEN AT 7:00 AM • 7 DAYS A WEEK  
2123 Industrial Dr., Grayling • 517-348-5181

7.) St. Louis vs Carolina



FREE DELIVERY

Grayling • M-72 West • 348-2961  
Prudenville • M-55 & M-18 South  
517-366-3808

12.) Cleveland vs San Diego

**FICK & SONS**

PROPANE SERVICE

113 Fig St., Grayling

**517-348-7647**

3.) NY Jets vs NY Giants

**Hart**

PONTIAC GMC BILL HART  
TIM HART Buick

**1-800-341-HART**

8.) New Orleans vs Atlanta

**Glen's MARKETS**

TRY YOUR LUCK, BUY YOUR  
LOTTO TICKETS HERE...

FROM OUR FAMILY  
TO YOURS

13.) Dallas vs New England



Come in today & save! Lowest prices ever!  
Celebrating over 25 years in business!

Just off I-75, Exit 270, Waters, MI  
517-732-1759 • 1-800-800-5791

4.) Tennessee vs Baltimore

**American Legion Lounge & Lanes**

Join us and watch the  
games on our big screen TV

106 James Street

**348-7232**



9.) Philadelphia vs Arizona

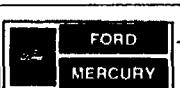


The best  
hamburgers  
and a whole  
lot more.™

2141 S. I-75 Bus. Lp. • GRAYLING

14.) Minnesota vs Tampa Bay

Guaranteed lowest prices on  
all new Ford's & Mercury's.  
Largest selection of used cars  
& trucks in the North!



SCOTT McNAMARA  
FORD-MERCURY, INC.  
M-18 • Roscommon, I-75 Business Loop  
(517) 275-8922 fax (517) 275-4643

5.) Green Bay vs Chicago

**CRAIG HINKLE**  
RE/MAX OF GRAYLING

Close to Kneff Lake and  
AuSable Rivers. Great location  
for hunting, fishing and  
snowmobiling. 2 bedrooms, 1  
bath, perfect starter home or  
recreational cabin. Wood fire  
place, sliding door wall, enclosed  
porch, 1999 hotwater heater  
and new roof in 1997. \$41,900  
CH-1036

5728 M-72 W., Grayling • 348-7440

10.) Kansas City vs Denver



**SCHEER MOTORS**  
U.S. 27 North, Grayling  
517-348-5451

15.) Temple vs Miami (Fla.)



The Clear Leader in  
Rentals/Purchases  
2404 S. I-75 Business Loop • Grayling  
**348-2499**

16.) Nebraska vs Texas



- Silk Screening
- Glass Etching
- Engraving • Trophies
- Vinyl Letters • Embroidery
- Banners • Awards • Flags

Larry Raymond  
5610 M-72 W., Grayling  
**517-348-9097**

17.) Florida vs Alabama



For service after the  
sale see Cliff Wheeler

18.) Hofstra vs Illinois State



Join us for football in  
the Speak Easy Saloon!  
Football on the Big Screen Sundays & Mondays  
Drink Specials Available

**Holiday Inn**



Paul Wilson  
204 Ionia, Grayling  
**344-2500**  
www.farmbureauinsurance-mi.com

19.) Troy St. vs Florida A&M



Farm Bureau Insurance • Farm Bureau Life • Farm Bureau General  
Paul Wilson  
204 Ionia, Grayling  
**344-2500**  
www.farmbureauinsurance-mi.com

20.) Army vs Navy



Deliveries Starting At 11 am  
**517-348-4044**

## There's a strategy to crack down on criminal callers

A coalition of state and federal law enforcement agencies, senior citizens and businesses, and a bipartisan group of state lawmakers are getting ready to leave criminal callers speechless.

AARP joins AT&T, the Council of Better Business Bureaus, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the National Association of Attorneys General this week in launching PROJECT kNOW FRAUD. It's an ambitious fraud prevention campaign that includes a postcard mailing to every postal cus-

tomer in the country, a web page, telephone support, and televised public service announcements.

This broad and unprecedented information campaign coincides with a growing legislative consensus that some form of legislation is necessary to combat the prevalence of telemarketing fraud. Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Rogers said the Senate is developing legislation to protect consumers from criminal callers.

"Fraudulent telemarketers are not 'just people doing their job' - they are criminals," said Rogers, a former FBI Special Agent. "The legislation being developed in the Senate is geared toward making it difficult for any fraudulent telemarketers to take

advantage of Michigan's citizens."

AARP has long championed the introduction and passage of legislation that requires the registration, licensure and bonding of all telemarketers operating in Michigan. Many states - including neighboring Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin - already have such laws on the books.

Law enforcement's efforts to police questionable practices in the telemarketing industry are too often frustrated by an inability to acquire information about the identity and location of the businesses employing phone solicitors.

Mandatory registration and licensure addresses

this issue head-on," said AARP State Legislative Committee Chair Fred Lawless.

"Requiring telemarketing businesses to obtain surety bonds in order to do business in the State will guarantee that there will be a minimum amount of money available to compensate consumers if they are injured by the telemarketers' practices," he said.

AARP Capitol City Task Force Chair Mary Aikey summed it up this way: "Fraudulent telemarketers use the phone every day to steal the life savings of unsuspecting people. Through education and legislation, we can help beat the criminal caller. That's a mission to which AARP is committed."

## Watch your fat intake

Triglyceride is the scientific name for the common form of fat found in both food and the body. High triglyceride levels can be a risk factor for heart disease, especially when other risk factors are present. Other risk factors for heart disease are smoking, obesity, high blood cholesterol, diabetes and high blood pressure.

Most of the fat in foods is in the form of triglycerides. When people eat excess calories in any form - fat, protein, carbohydrates - triglycerides are produced and the extra is stored as fat. While waiting to be used for energy or be absorbed by fat cells, triglycerides circulate in the blood. Alcohol can also increase triglyceride levels in the blood.

Triglycerides normally increase after you eat, so a blood test should be done after fasting. A fasting blood test means no food or drink is allowed for 12 hours before blood is drawn.

To help control the triglyceride level:

- Total fat in the diet should be less than 30 percent
- Lose weight, if needed. Even a small weight loss can lower triglyceride levels.
- Regular moderate exercise can lower triglyceride levels.
- Limit alcohol
- Make healthy choices from the food pyramid.

## Christmas dinner at the Center

Christmas dinner will be available at the Senior Center, Tuesday, December 21.

There will be two sessions, one at noon, the other at 5 p.m. so that everyone who is interested has a chance to enjoy the roast beef dinner.

Entertainment will be provided between the two dinners.

Make reservations at the Senior Center or call (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 and specify which session.

Suggested donations for seniors is \$2 and for non-seniors the charge is \$3.50.

## Volunteer of the Month

Jerry Burden was selected as the December Volunteer of the Month at the Senior Center.

When something needs to be done, whether for the Center or for an individual, he's the one to call.

He has a cohort now -

his brother, Bill. They have become a very effective team.

The team helps "set up and take down" for special dinners, craft sales, dances, parties, helps deliver commodities and anything else they are asked to do.

## Meals-on-Wheels receives donations

Maple Forest Township Board recently donated \$500 to the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) Meals-on-Wheels program.

There are many senior citizens in Crawford County who rely on this program to provide nutritious balanced meals through the week. Maple

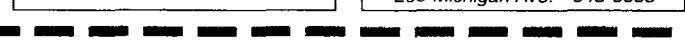
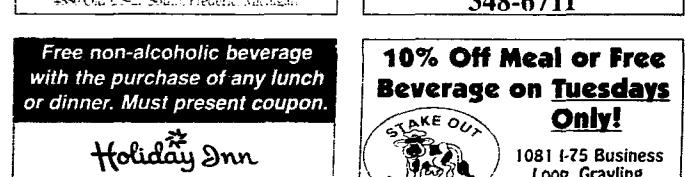
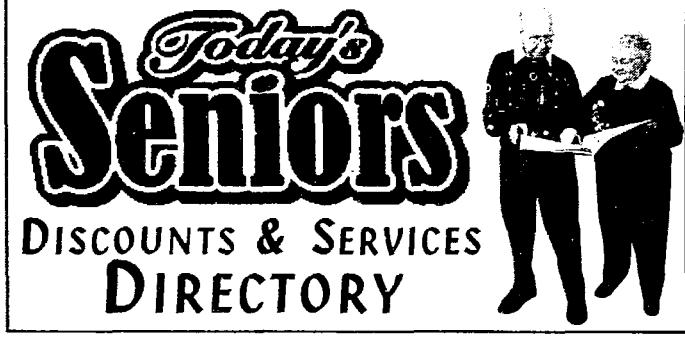
Forest's kind donation will further ensure the continuance of this program.

COA also received a generous donation from the Disabled American Veteran's Auxiliary Unit #135.

It has also been earmarked for the Meals-on-Wheels program.

## Center to host seminar

There will be a seminar discussing osteoporosis held Tuesday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m., at the Senior Center. A video seminar will present the risks of osteoporosis for women after menopause and extending into later life. The program is designed to educate women about osteoporosis and the effects it could have on mobility and independence.



## Crawford County Commission on Aging

308 Lawndale Dr., Grayling, MI  
DECEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Hearing Clinic by Appointment 5:30 - Wendy's Bingo	2 9:30 - Lucky 7 Casino Trip	3 1:00 Pantry Bingo *****
6 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	7 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Ellie Mae's Western Dance	8 Commodities at the Eagles 9:30-10:30 10:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Stag Club 5:00 - Birthday Dinner RSVP White Elephant Auction	9 BP's Taken 11 to Neon Foot Clinic by Appointment Please bring towel	10 12:00 - Frederic Satellite 1:00 - Pantry Bingo
13 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	16 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Osteoporosis Seminar	15 Hearing Clinic by Appointment 10:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Stag Cards 5:30 - COA Board Meeting	16 Lucky 7 Casino Trip - 9:30	17 12:00 - Lovells Satellite 1:00 - Pantry Bingo 1:30 - Legal Help *****
20 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	21 Traditional Christmas Dinners at noon & 5 Dance with Tina in Between	22 10:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Stag Cards	23 & 24 Center Closed for the Holidays 	19 Pancake Brunch 10 to 1
27 Out to Lunch BJ's in Gaylord & After X-mas Sales 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	28 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia	29 12:30 - Stag Cards	30 & 31 Center Closed for the Holidays 	

# FEATURES

## HOROSCOPES

### For The Week Of December 5-11

#### Aries March 21-April 20

A tumultuous home life will affect you at work. There's no way to get around it. Do your best not to take your problems out on those around you. Just one word could ruin a very good working relationship.

#### Taurus April 21-May 21

Did you run around like a maniac trying to finish your shopping last year? Remember what it felt like? Well, don't wait until the last minute again. Make a list and set aside some time this week to get your holiday shopping done.

#### Gemini May 22-June 21

Stay clear of someone you have been close to who is involved in something that's not aboveboard. You don't want to get dragged down with him/her. Be a little more patient this year with a female relative who goes all out for the holidays.

#### Cancer June 22-July 22

Relaxation. This is your week for a little R&R. Get away from everyone and everything and enjoy yourself. It's your last chance before the end of the year. Someone at work is interested in your job. Watch your back. Stories may get twisted.

#### Leo July 23-August 23

Waiting it out is the key to a family problem involving a young female relative of yours. This is not the time to cut ties with a certain person on the professional level. You may find that he/she could still be very valuable to you.

#### Virgo August 24-September 22

Changes need to be made concerning a personal matter. Concentrate on your talents and goals. Don't let an uncooperative relative stand in your way like he/she has done in the past. It's time to see a doctor about a problem you've been having.

**For Entertainment Purposes Only**

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

#### 23 Years Ago

##### December 2, 1976

Cold and snow moved into our area last Friday night and is apparently here to stay. Five inches of the white stuff fell the night of November 26.

Mary Partello of Frederic submitted the winning name for the county wide transportation system. The Crawford County Public Transit system will begin operation December 1. Bus fares are: 0 - 5 miles - 50¢ regular fare, 25¢ for senior citizens and children under 12; over 15 miles, \$1 regular fare, 50¢ for senior citizens and children under 12.

Fred Bear's Field Notes, a book of Fred's private notes from his many worldwide hunting trips in search of world record bowhunting trophies is now available at Dad's Sport Shop, Skip's Sport Shop and Pro-Mart Hardware for \$8.95.

The County Board of Commissioners heard from Robert Smock Jr. who presented a petition with 715 signatures to increase fines to \$500 for littering the AuSable River and for the guilty person to make restitution by cleaning a one-mile area. The Board suggested he ask advice from the Prosecuting Attorney.

Roy Papenfus, Zoning Director and Larry Hunter, Equalization Director spoke to the County Board about an inquiry they had received regarding purchasing a certain piece of property for an adult theater. He will be advised that the Board is directing their Attorney and Michigan Association of Counties to look into the matter, and it will not be to his advantage to proceed.

The veterans of Crawford County received a total of \$381,472 from the U.S. Veterans Administration the past fiscal year ending July 1. Disability and compensation payments amounted to \$203,818, while educational and rehabilitation payments totaled \$157,054. The remaining money was paid out in insurance and indemnity payments.

#### Libra

##### September 23-October 23

A close relative will bring you some great news this week. Help him/her celebrate, and don't be jealous. Your time will come. Be patient with your partner through his/her tough time at work. The problem will be resolved soon.

#### Scorpio

##### October 24-November 22

Prosperity will abound at work and at home for you. Make sure it's the real thing before you take off on a buying spree. You have a great domestic idea, and now is the time to put it to work. Set it in motion before the weekend.

#### Sagittarius

##### November 23-December 21

This is not the week to get involved in a new romance. You are just too busy. Concentrate on family, friends and the holidays. You have plenty of time to find your true love. Make an investment in your home. It will pay off!

#### Capricorn

##### December 22-January 20

You have a chance this week to combine business with pleasure—don't let it pass you by. This could be a time to really enjoy yourself. If you have been wanting to sell something, now is the time to do it. You'll get the best price this week.

#### Aquarius

##### January 21-February 18

Set aside work problems while you deal with a personal matter. The work problems are petty compared to the personal one. Be patient when it comes to buying that item you have been wanting. Hold out for a better price.

#### Pisces

##### February 19-March 20

Changes may be happening on the relationship front: try not to hurt anyone's feelings. Your latest money problem is more tricky than you expected. Don't get wishy-washy about it...make a firm decision and stick to it.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### PB&J Cookie Sandwiches

3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar  
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter  
1 egg  
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract  
1/4 cup your favorite jelly

In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. In large bowl, beat butter, sugars and peanut butter until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in egg and vanilla.

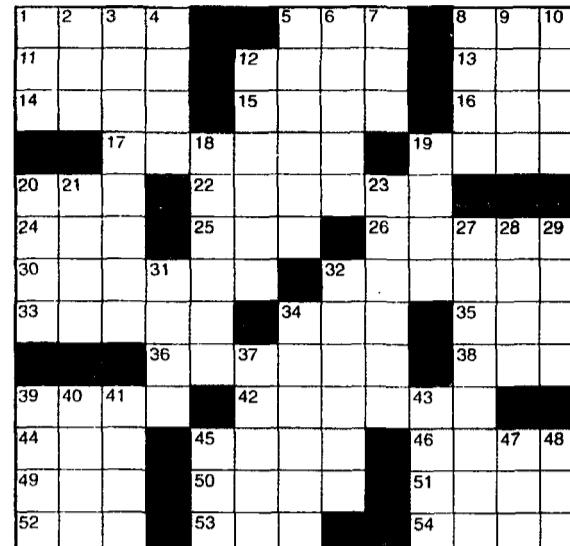


**HOME NEEDED** - Lab mix puppies, 4 months old, both females. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

Gradually beat in flour mixture until blended. Divide dough into 4 equal pieces. Shape into logs, each 2 inches wide. Wrap in plastic wrap and freeze for at least 1 hour. Preheat oven to 425°. Slice logs into 1/4 inch slices. Place on ungreased baking sheets. With fork, lightly pierce tops. Bake 5 minutes or until bottoms are lightly golden. On wire rack, cool completely. To form sandwiches, spread 1/4 teaspoon jelly on one cookie and press together with another. Yield: 48 cookies.

\* For Ice Cream Sandwiches, substitute 2 tablespoons vanilla ice cream for jelly. Roll ice cream edges in mini semi-sweet chocolate chips. Freeze until firm.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Candyland or Monopoly
5. Public transport
8. Center of commerce
11. Room freshener's target
12. Bull, in Barcelona
13. Bobby of the Bruins
14. Colorado ski resort
15. Scott Joplin tunes
16. Where "The Boss" was born
17. Acquire
19. Burmese
20. Cable channel
22. More cerise
24. Debtor's letters
25. Constitution
26. Jewish teacher
30. Uncover, with "out"
32. Buffalo hockey team
33. Flotilla
34. "Autumn" (1941 song)
35. When We Were Kings
36. On dry land
38. Receptacle
39. Object
42. Come forth
44. I've Got The World \_\_\_\_\_ String" (2 wds.)
45. She came between Kukla and Ollie
46. Violin Bull et al.
49. Geog. or geol.
50. Disintegrates
51. Implores
52. Actor Mineo
53. Bustle
54. Put away carry-ons

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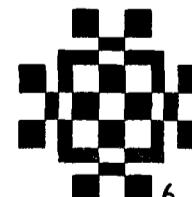
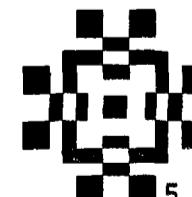
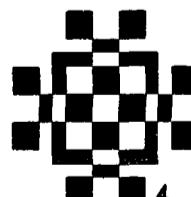
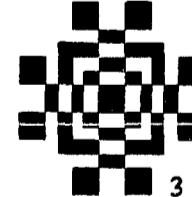
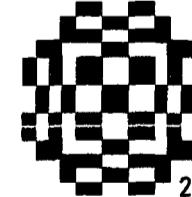
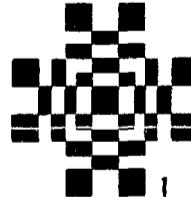
1. State head: abbr.
2. Birthplace of Oral Roberts
3. Dampness
4. Writer Gardner
5. Basketball rebounds, informally
6. Prodded
7. Signal from the stranded
8. "Their Finest \_\_\_\_\_"
9. Bear constellation
10. Strut one's stuff
12. Most loyal
18. Condiment bottles
19. Bland
20. Lovers' quarrel
21. Seasonal song
23. Chalk remover
27. Charm collector
28. Hungarian king
29. "The look of love \_\_\_\_\_ your eyes..." (2 wds.)
31. Librarian's urging
32. Temptresses
34. Heckler's missile
37. Mariamne's suspicious spouse
39. Tree growth
40. Old Peruvian
41. Carpenter's fastener
43. Tais
45. Brother's title
47. Freudian subject
48. Opposite of NNE

## ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

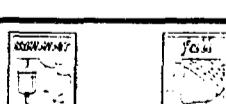


## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER: FOUR AND SIX



## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Gaylord



Date	H	L	8 a.m.	Precip.
11/23	57	36	37	0.52"
11/24	51	18	19	
11/25	45	19	28	
11/26	45	28	35	0.05
11/27	37	33	34	
11/28	38	24	24	0.05"
11/29	31	21	22	0.03"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Wednesday - A.M. mostly sunny, P.M. partly sunny and breezy, high of 40-45. Thursday - chance of rain, low in the low to mid 30's, high in the low to mid 40's. Friday - chance of rain, low of 35-40, high in the mid 40's. Saturday - chance of rain or snow showers, low around 30, high of 40-45.

# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

## 1. Real Estate

**FREDERIC, MICHIGAN** 724 Frederic Rd., (County Rd. 612). Three bedroom, one bath bungalow, 1 1/2 car garage, gas heat. \$41,500. \$1,500 down. \$395 month. Contact 231-929-9337 or evenings and weekends 231-334-4475. (11/24/99tf/1)

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** www.century 21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

I BUY HOUSE and land contracts. Pay cash. Quick closings. Are you facing foreclosure? Divorce? Leaving the area? Don't ruin your credit. Call Peninsula Funding 1-800-641-1717. (3/11/99tf/1)

**AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

**PRICE REDUCED** AuSable River front lot near McMasters Bridge 200' frontage x 256' deep. Call (740) 797-2801. (LR12/2/99/1)

**TWO BEDROOM HOME** nestled in the pines. Frederic location, two lots, fireplace, hardwood floors, basement, nice area. \$31,000 801-568-0787 (-2-9-16/23-30/1)

**BY OWNER** 2350 Sq. ft. plus. Walk-out basement. 2A with carriage house, close to schools, town, golf, x-way, by appointment. 231-238-1229. (-24-2/1)

## 1. Real Estate

**AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES** A planned association development. Spec log home and building sites. Near state land and AuSable River by owner. (517) 348-7355 (9/2/99tf/1)

### 2. For Rent

**MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS** your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$18,900 for two person household. Rent based on 30% of gross monthly income. Barrier free unit available. Call Rose 517-344-2611 or Mary Ann 906-932-5500 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. (9/16/99tf/2)

**CABIN FOR RENT** Sleeps four, call 517-348-8350. (10/14/99tf/2)

**CLEAN TWO BEDROOM** with shed close to town. \$375 month, security and references required, no pets. 517-348-8386 (-24-2/2)

**DOWNTOWN BUILDING FOR RENT** 227 Michigan Avenue. Approximately 4,000 square feet. Excellent business opportunity. Inquiries call 517-344-2222. (9/23/99tf/2)

**THREE BEDROOM, ONE BATH** with garage and workshop in town, two blocks from schools. No pets or smoking. \$450 per month plus \$450 security deposit, due before move in. Need references. 517-348-8497 (-2/2)

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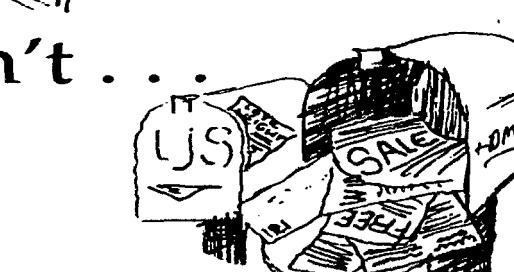
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